

Struggle over £1.6bn bid for Scots brewers

Monopolies referral is urged by Rifkind

● Elders DXL, the Foster's lager group, launched a hostile £1.6 billion takeover bid for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries

● Labour said the Australian-based Elders would control 25 per cent of British beer sales if the bid was accepted

● Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, appeared to support a monopolies commission referral

● Mr John Elliott, Elders chief executive, said Edinburgh would become the world headquarters for the group

By Cliff Feltham

What could be a long and bitter battle for control of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries began last night when Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, threw his weight behind attempts to have a hostile bid referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The bid of £1.6 billion was made by the Foster's lager group, Elders DXL.

Scottish & Newcastle are an important company with deep roots in Scotland. There are strong arguments for referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission," Mr Rifkind said.

Mr Rifkind was backed by Mr Donal Dewar, Labour spokesman on Scotland, who also pressed for an investigation.

tion claiming the Australian-based Elders would control 25 per cent of the UK beer market if the bid went through.

"The public interest will not be served by placing such significant market share in the grasp of one company," he said.

Mr Alick Rankin, chief executive of Scottish & Newcastle, which is based in Edinburgh and is best known for its McEwans and Youngers beers, rejected assurances by Elders that the headquarters could stay in Edinburgh.

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Edinburgh. "This is not just a regional issue - it is a British issue. How can it be a headquarters if the headquarters of Elders is in Melbourne?"

But there was support for Elders from Sir Alex Fletcher, former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who has been hired by the company as a consultant.

At a press conference in Edinburgh, he said: "I am very aware of the implications but this is not a Guinness-type proposition." This was considered a reference to unfulfilled pledges by Guinness to switch its headquarters to Scotland after its takeover of Distillers.

But Mr John Elliott, head of the Elders empire, denied he was making false promises. "When we make commitments we keep them. We are not doing this lightly. We think it is an important concession for Scotland."

Elders, which already controls just more than 9 per cent of the shares in Scottish & Newcastle, launched its bid after months of speculation in the stock market.

During the summer Mr Elliott met Scottish &

Newcastle executives to discuss plans for a friendly get-together.

Mr Elliott said yesterday: "We were disappointed that our proposals were not more actively considered by Scottish & Newcastle's board. So strong, however, do we consider the commercial logic of this merger and the benefits to all sides, that we are launching our bid."

The news sent the shares of Scottish & Newcastle soaring to 438p but they fell back to 403p for a rise of 53p on the day.

Elders, which already owns Courage, says a get-together would give it better coverage in the north of England and provide Scottish & Newcastle with opportunity to sell some of Elders' own best selling lagers, which include Foster's, Miller Lite and Hofmeister.

If the deal goes through Elders is likely to sell the Thistle Hotels, part of Scottish & Newcastle, which could fetch close to £600 million, according to analysts.

In a hard hitting response last night Mr Rankin told his shareholders: "This bid is totally unwelcome and unacceptable."

"It entirely fails to recognize the current performance and exciting prospects of a highly successful company. It ignores the underlying values of the business and its assets."

Mr Mark Lazarowicz, leader of the controlling Labour administration in Edinburgh, launched a campaign to oppose the takeover. Mr Gordon Wilson, leader of the Scottish National Party, also strongly opposed the takeover bid.

Mr Peter Bartels, chief executive of Elders, dropped the tantalising hint that Foster's may be bought north of the border but it became clear that this was no more than one option in the grand strategy.

Mr Bartels said: "It will depend on what capacity we need."

British family walks clear of burning wreckage



Journey's end: Rescue workers sifting through the burnt-out wreckage of the Uganda Airlines Boeing 707 which crashed in swirling fog near Rome.



New beginning: Geoffrey Gait, his wife Ruth and baby son Richard, from Bath, survived.

Blunders lead to 30 deaths in Rome air crash

From Roger Boyes, Rome

A misunderstanding with the control tower and a series of blunders in the swirling sea fog almost certainly led to the extraordinary end of the Uganda Airlines Boeing 707 which crashed in Rome at its third attempt to land in the early hours of yesterday.

The accident, which killed at least 30 people and left 22 injured, was Rome's worst airport disaster. Italian air authorities were sure yesterday that the cause of the crash was a misjudgement, perhaps several, by the Ugandan pilot.

Mr Geoffrey Gait, a 31-year-old dairy farmer from Bath, his wife Ruth, aged 26, and their baby son, Richard, were among survivors who walked clear from plane.

Some reports named the pilot as Captain Steven Walusimbu, who joined Uganda Airlines on its creation in 1977 after Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania dissolved the East African Airways with which he was previously employed.

Aviation experts admit that the aircraft was trying to land at one of Rome airport's most poorly equipped runways but emphasized that there should have been no problems given the level of visibility. The 20-year-old plane, which was due to stop over in Rome before continuing to Entebbe, began its descent too early and was also positioned too far to the right. The plane's undercarriage touched a house some 300 yards from the Via Portuense, a street that runs close to Fiumicino airport.

The plane continued on its doomed path, banging through trees and finally flopping to a halt in a field.

The Boeing broke in half and passengers say that flames were spurring through the fuselage. Front passengers managed to scramble out of the shattered plane.

The victims, some of whom were burnt beyond recognition, were pulled out under powerful spotlights which penetrated the fog. Average

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Storm over rugby pact with ANC

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

South Africa's white rugby boss, Dr Danie Craven, was engulfed in a political storm here yesterday over his talks with exiled leaders of the outlawed African National Congress in Zimbabwe last weekend, aimed at ending South Africa's isolation from the world game.

At an election meeting in the Western Transvaal last night, Mr F.W. de Klerk, the Minister of National Education who is also responsible for sport, said he was "shocked" that Dr Craven, aged 78, had "by-passed" the Government and turned to an organization that is involved on a daily basis in terrorist attacks on innocent people.

The Government stood "firm on its principle that talks with the ANC are absolutely unacceptable", he said, noting Dr Craven's move had implications beyond rugby.

Dr Craven said yesterday that he hoped to succeed in establishing a single, non-racial controlling body for South African rugby.

● LUSAKA: Four representatives of South Africa's national soccer league flew to Lusaka yesterday for talks with the ANC, which said similar issues to those involving rugby would be discussed.

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Yugoslavia warned of a grim future

From Richard Bassett and Dossa Trevisan, Belgrade

Yugoslavia's long-awaited extraordinary Central Committee meeting opened yesterday with a grim warning from the Communist Party chief, Mr Sipe Suvar, that the country is "moving towards destruction".

"Unless our country unites behind a programme of fundamental economic reform, we face destruction," he told the 165-strong committee in a fierce attack on the tactics of Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian party leader.

He said that a programme of economic reform - which would cut subsidies to inefficient state enterprises and alleviate poverty - was ready to be implemented.

Referring to recent nationalist demonstrations in Serbia and other provinces, and to a rising tide of ethnic tension, he said nationalism should be respected but that offered "no solutions" to Yugoslavia's problems.

Though he was clearly referring to Mr Milosevic, he refused to name him.

During the Central Committee meeting, the expected "purge" of more than a third of its members will take place, and Mr Milosevic, who has

inspired countless demonstrations by Serbs, hopes that most of his opponents, even in the Presidency, will be yesterday's men.

But there are growing signs that politicians, especially from the north, are prepared to stand up to him.

In the course of the debate, several politicians sounded the alarm over Mr Milosevic's methods. There was particular criticism for his ultimatum.

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Heysel trial suspended after angry exchange

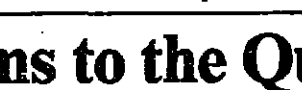
From Paul Vallely, Brussels

The trial of Liverpool football supporters accused of killing 39 people in the 1985 Heysel stadium riot was suspended yesterday after a heated exchange between the bench and a defence lawyer.

Last night, senior defence lawyers were understood to be threatening to abandon the case entirely if the judge did not rule in their favour and allow them to cross-examine prosecution witnesses.

M. Pierre Verlynde, president of the three sitting judges, slammed shut a file of papers, announced that the hearing was suspended and walked from the court after M Serge Moureaux, a Belgian defence lawyer, refused to end his argument on a legal submission.

As he rose, the judge told the 40 defence and prosecution lawyers that he was leaving to take advice from



banquet in the Royal Palace of Madrid last night. King Juan Carlos said that disputes with their origins in far-off times, like Gibraltar, could impede full bilateral co-operation. But the King said that a suitable framework for discussion had now been set up, consisting of "dialogue and co-operation".

In a speech at a state In reply, the Queen drew on the two countries' interwoven history and Spain's return to the larger family of Europe, through the EEC.

"We are confident that our growing mutual understanding will enable us to deal with the one remaining problem which exists between us," the Queen said.

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Spain warms to the Queen's visit

From Alan Hamilton
Madrid

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were greeted with exceptional warmth by King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia when they began a state visit to Spain yesterday, the first by a reigning British monarch.

'Genius' drugs pioneer wins the Nobel Prize

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Sir James Black, the Scottish scientist, who pioneered two of the world's best-selling drugs for treating heart disease and gastric ulcers, has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine.

His discoveries of beta-blockers for treating angina, blood pressure and avoiding heart attacks, and a substance called cimetidine to prevent ulcers, have revolutionized the pharmaceutical industry's approach to drug design.

No man on earth has earned more money for the multinational pharmaceutical industry. But the breakthroughs came from his pursuit in fundamental research, and a third is

believed to be on the way. Sir James, professor of analytical pharmacology at King's College Hospital Medical School, London, shares the \$400,000 prize with two Americans, Dr Gertrude Elion and Dr George Hitchings, who have worked together since 1945 at the Wellcome research laboratory.

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stories in North Carolina, on the development of drugs for treating cancer and on the compound used in the medicine AZT for treating Aids.

The award to Dr Elion, aged 70, and Dr Hitchings, aged 83, recognizes their discoveries based on a more

rational approach to drugs. They studied the difference in nucleic acid metabolism between healthy and cancerous cells, looking for ways to block the growth of cancer cells and noxious organisms.

Sir James, aged 64, who trained at St Andrew's University, had his first breakthrough in 1960 which opened the way for the development of the beta-blocker family of drugs. In 1972 he transformed the treatment of peptic ulcers with a discovery that led to a drug known to millions as Tagamet, which was the best selling pharmaceutical for 10 years.

Sir James has worked for three major drug companies, ICI, Smith Kline and French and the Wellcome Foundation. Professor Desmond

Laurence, head of pharmacology at University College London, said: "Black in the laboratory has relieved more human suffering than thousands of doctors in a lifetime at the bedside."

"He has a totally original mind. I think he has genius. He is tough, genial and a marvellous leader."

After learning of the award, Sir James said: "For the moment I feel completely shocked. The shock has almost overwhelmed the joy I feel. The one thing that makes me sad is that my wife, who died recently, cannot share my joy."

He was embarrassed that the award had gone to him alone when so many people had been involved in the development of the heart drug used on millions of patients worldwide.

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Publicity ban on Sinn Fein studied

Whitehall sources yesterday confirmed that ministers are considering banning media interviews with Sinn Fein and other groups linked with terrorists but said that the area was fraught with difficulties. "A ban is under review in much the same way as the re-introduction of internment is frequently re-examined", a source said.

Last night, the IRA admitted that it killed Mr Norman McKeown, a Northern Ireland sales manager, on Sunday because his company had provided security shutters and fireproof materials to police and government buildings. He died when a Semtex bomb exploded under his car.

Brigadier Charles Ritchie was named last night as the new commanding officer of the Ulster Defence Regiment. He takes over from Brigadier Michael Bray who was in charge of the regiment for more than two years.

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Ban on Nazi book

A Scottish judge yesterday granted a court order against a Jewish author banning him from publishing his book *Occupation: Nazi Hunter*. The court ban against Mr Efraim Zuroff, a former director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles, was granted by Lord Dervard at the Court of Session in Edinburgh. The book alleges that Mr Geertz was involved in war crimes while in the 12th Battalion Lithuanian Security Police during World War II.

Monopoly champion

Jason Bunn, Britain's world champion Monopoly player, watched a Japanese rival steal his crown yesterday. Mr Bunn, aged 28, a driving instructor from Leeds, failed to pass Go in the first round of the world championship, at the Park Lane Hotel, London. The title was won by Ikuo Hiyakuta, aged 36, a trading company executive who bankrupted four other finalists, including an Israeli boy aged 13 in a bruising fight to walk off with £9,000 - in real money. The event was also marked by the launch of the first Russian version of Monopoly.

Seal vaccine goes on

Seals will continue to be treated with canine distemper vaccine at the RSPCA emergency centre at Docking in Norfolk, although the epidemic which has killed thousands has been identified as seal plague, a virus related to rinderpest, a severe cattle disease. Around Britain 2,000 seal deaths had first been blamed on a canine distemper virus. Mr David Clarke, a veterinary surgeon, said yesterday that any effect of the vaccine would not be known for a fortnight.

Tower clue to disease

Cooling towers at a British Aerospace factory were yesterday pinpointed as the source of a Legionnaires' disease outbreak which has affected 13 people at the works. Dr Guy Constable, district medical adviser in Bolton, Greater Manchester, said that traces of bacteria identical to those taken from patients had been found in the tower. All the towers in the factory at Lostock, near Bolton, had been cleaned at the start of the outbreak and normal working had resumed after a two-day stoppage.

Russians lead chess

Alexander Belyavsky, Jan Ehlvest (who defeated Jonathan Speelman of England) and Mikhail Tal, all of the Soviet Union, shared the lead in the third World Cup chess tournament in Reykjavik, Iceland, after Sunday's eleventh of 17 rounds. The game between Lajos Portisch, of Hungary, and Jan Timman, of The Netherlands, was adjourned and all seven other games ended in draws.

Workplace deal

Engineers to sign single union accord

By Roland Radd, Employment Affairs Reporter

The Amalgamated Engineering Union is set to sign the first single-union agreement since the TUC's new code of practice came into effect earlier this month.

Mr Jack Wyman, a senior executive member of the union, said yesterday that the AEU had agreed to sign the deal with a young manufacturing company in Durham.

He said the agreement was one of the most revolutionary signed by any union. "We have agreed on the blueprint of a model single-union agreement to take the movement into the 1990s. Even our critics will have to accept that this is the deal for the future."

The union has not yet complied with the TUC's new dispute procedure, requiring unions in the process of negotiating a single-union deal to notify Mr Norman Willis, the TUC's general secretary.

It is significant that the last sticking point between the company and the union's district committee is whether their dispute procedure should be compulsory.

Such an agreement, effectively preventing the use of strike action, is at the heart of controversy over single-union deals and would be in breach of the TUC's new code.

AEU local officials have accepted pendulum arbitration but not compulsory arbitration. Mr Wyman said he was confident that when the deal went before the TUC later this month, it would be seen as acceptable. However,

AEU officials also made it clear yesterday that they will not be deflected by the TUC's attempt to regulate single-union agreements and said they would sign many more in the future, which might include compulsory arbitration.

The latest single-union deal in Durham includes an employee share-ownership plan whereby the firm's 70 employees will have 20 per cent of the company's share capital reserved in a trust.

Over the next five years the workforce will receive a percentage of the shares, subject to the company's performance, but there will be no pay increases until January 1990.

● Average earnings in Britain, including overtime payments, have risen by 9 per cent so far this year and could soon jump another percentage point, in spite of warnings by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, that wage rises should be no higher than 3.9 per cent.

Incomes Data Services Ltd, in its latest analysis of pay trends throughout the country, says that while basic rate settlements edged up slightly over the year, market and economic pressures topped up basic rates for one group after another.

"These factors show no immediate sign of going away, and in the meantime economic indicators which tend to influence the level of basic rate settlements are worsening", the report says.

Police warn 'vigilantes' to keep out



Mrs Silwa with the Terminator (left) and the Bull, sporting berets and badges, touring the streets of Birmingham yesterday.

The New York-based crime fighters, the Guardian Angels, including "Terminator" and "Bull", arrived in Birmingham yesterday to be warned by police that they were not welcome on Britain's inner city streets (Craig Seton writes).

Three uniformed members of the Angels were confronted in Birmingham by Superintendent Martin Barton, of West Midlands police, as they told of

their plans to contact British community groups and offer advice on forming Guardian Angels chapters.

The three have been invited by a Sikh group based in Handsworth, where riots flared three years ago. Councillors and other community groups have protested against the visit. Supt Barton said people in such a racially sensitive area regarded their presence with "horror and trepidation".

He told the visiting group: "In England we regard you as nothing more or less than vigilantes".

Supt Barton's response came during and after a live BBC television confrontation with Lisa Silwa, co-founder of the Angels with her husband, Curtis. Mrs Silwa said: "We are law abiding citizens who are here on a mission of peace".

Clarke says nurses' pay talks are over

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The Government's pay talks with nursing unions are over, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said yesterday.

In a letter to the unions, Mr Clarke said that last week's announcement of extra cash for nurses ended the discussions. "We cannot go on negotiating for ever", he said.

The unions will consider their response next week, while on Friday they launch officially the first round of

negotiations over next year's pay.

They also expect by then to be handling the first appeals from nurses who feel they have been "cheated" this year. The appeals are expected to go on into the new year.

The six nursing unions asked Mr Clarke to intervene last Tuesday, when talks broke down on the crucial issue of pay for nursing sisters. Mr Clarke refused to meet them and two days later, at the

Conservative Party conference, he announced an extra £138.5 million for this year's award.

His letter yesterday said three-quarters of sisters and charge nurses would be on the higher of the two new grades by the new year. They would receive their increases in next month's pay packet and their back pay by Christmas.

The move by Mr Clarke coincided with a vote by members of the Royal College

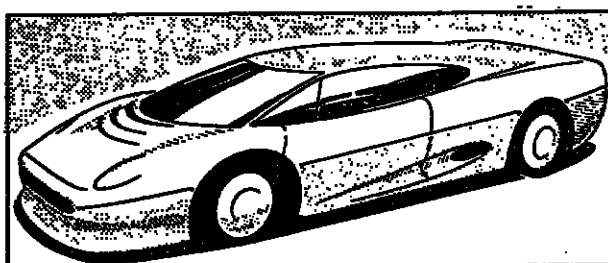
of Midwives in favour of keeping their no-strike policy.

Their decision averted a crisis in maternity services. Miss Ruth Ashton, general secretary of the college, said:

Many midwives fear their skills and training are being overlooked in the regrading exercise. Only 49 per cent of the college's 29,000 voting members took part in the ballot. Of them, 8,899 voted to keep the no-strike rule, while 5,119 voted for a change.

Jaguar launches 'fastest road car'

The stunning Jaguar XJ220 sports car, which has more power than any other road car now in production, will be unveiled today at the Birmingham Motor Show. Performance is expected to exceed the 200mph Ferrari F40 and the £155,000 Porsche 959. "This will make it the fastest road car in the world", *Autocar & Motor* said.



Ford to invest £728m in car plants

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Britain's motor industry will today be boosted by its biggest single investment.

Ford will announce on the first day of the Motor Show in Birmingham that it is launching a £728 million project in Bridgend and Swansea, South Wales, to build engines for its new generation of European

cars. Britain has beaten off competition from West Germany and Spain for the work.

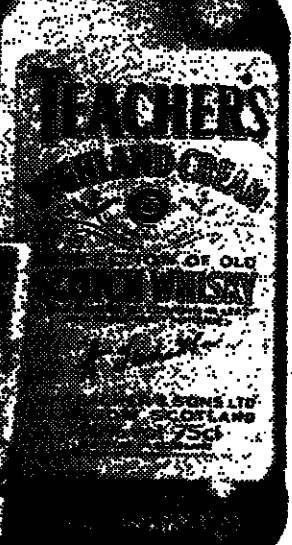
Earlier this year Ford abandoned plans to build a £40 million electronics components plant in Scotland in a single-union dispute.

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, will an-

nounce the deal with Mr Derek Barron, chairman of Ford in Britain.

Mr Walker will hail it as proof of the transformation being wrought in South Wales through a strong regional policy and co-operation between the Government, local councils and unions.

WHISKY FROM THE OLD SCHOOL



£80,000 grant for bone diseases

Star jailed after

Nobel Prize for research genius who discovered some of the century's most successful drugs

Ultimate accolade for the pioneer of beta-blockers

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Sir James Black is a rare scientist who has made not one but two revolutionary discoveries in pharmaceutical research. He is now believed to be on his way to a hat-trick.

He was the first to realize how beta-blocking drugs might be used to treat cardiac disease by decreasing the oxygen supply to the heart, reducing its workload.

His team, then at ICI, in 1962, developed the first clinically useful beta-blocker agent, pronethalol, followed two years later by propranolol, which is now used all over the world.

Research by the drug industry is still largely a process

of chance, involving screening newly synthesized chemicals in the hope of finding a compound with some useful biological activity.

Sir James Black first turned the idea on its head with the discovery of beta-blockers, which produced the best selling heart drug Inderal.

While with ICI, he was exploring possible treatments for angina, the searing pain caused when a hard-working heart is deprived of oxygen.

From research into the nerves controlling the heart

muscles, he knew that the stimulation of one set of nerve fibres caused the heart to beat faster, thus increasing the demand for oxygen from a patient's bloodstream.

He reasoned that a drug which could block overstimulation of the nerves would reduce the heart's demand for oxygen and bring relief to angina sufferers.

A substance had already been found in the United States, by scientists at Eli Lilly's research laboratories, that interfered with the stimulation of the nerves regulating heart muscles.

Sir James's team experimented with it and the substance became the forerunner of the beta-adrenoceptor blocking drugs which prevent nervous stimulation in the heart, blood vessels, lungs, pancreas and liver.

Sir James's second breakthrough, an anti-ulcer preparation, became the most profitable drug in the history of the pharmaceutical industry. The discovery has changed the course of drug development by pointing the way to tailor-made compounds that modify some underlying biochemistry of the body causing illness.

The drug known by millions of ulcer sufferers around the world as Tagamet was produced this way. It involved the manipulation of a molecule to fit a theory of what should work.

It began with the knowledge that the formation of peptic ulcers was provoked by the excessive secretion of gastric acids in the gut, stimulated by the biochemical called histamine.

Histamine is implicated in allergic reactions like hay fever. Yet the anti-histamine drugs that relieved allergies, by blocking the action of histamine, had little effect on the histamine-provoked secretion of gastric acid.

Sir James Black's team showed that histamine could produce reactions in the body by binding to two different molecular receptors on cells.

● He has helped millions of sufferers all around the world ●

He worked out that one type of receptor, later dubbed the H-1 receptor, must be located on cells lining parts of the body like air passages, and the other, called H-2, on cells lining the gut wall. With his then-colleagues from an American company, Smith Kline and Beckman, he manipulated the histamine molecule to figure out what type of substances would work on H-2 receptors.

The result was the development of cimetidine, the active ingredient of Tagamet.



Nobel success: Sir James Black in a laboratory at the Rayne Institute, King's College Hospital Medical School, London, yesterday (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

Sir John's advice on reading

General Sir John Hackett, the historian, author and former Principal of King's College London, said yesterday that it is an unfortunate fact that many undergraduates leave university without developing "really serious newspaper reading habits at all".

Sir John said he took up

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Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator Grandfathers' luck

A grandfather and a great-grandfather shared yesterday's Portfolio prize of £4,000.

Mr Gilbert Smith, aged 84, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, who has two great grandchildren, plans to spend his share of the money indulging his hobby — buying shares in de-nationalized industries.

"I think I will try and buy

some steel shares," said Mr Smith, who has two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The other winner, Mr Terence Robinson, aged 71, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, said: "With seven grandchildren, it is difficult to know exactly what to spend it on. I might put it towards buying a new car."

Abattoir raider denies using drug for courage

An armed robber, wounded in an attempted wages raid in south London, denied at an inquest yesterday taking drugs before the robbery.

Derek Whitelock, aged 24, said he had not needed "Dutch courage" to take part in the attempted £120,000 snatch at an abattoir in Plumstead.

Police from the elite PT17 firearms group ambushed the gang and shot dead two of its members in July last year.

Whitelock, who is serving 13 years for his part in the robbery on a Securitor van, was giving evidence on the sixth day of the inquest into the death of Michael Flynn, aged 24, from Catford, and Nicholas Payne, aged 29, from Erith, south-east London.

Last week the inquest was told drug tests on the dead men had proved positive.

Under questioning, Whitelock admitted that his role had been to "terrify" the security van driver by holding him at gun point, thus forcing the guard inside the van to pass out money. He denied he had threatened to blow off the

guard's legs. As he was the fastest runner of the gang members he was detailed to grab Mr James Anker, aged 61, the driver, after he had got out of the van.

Before he could do anything else, however, Whitelock said he heard cracking noises, turned around, and saw Flynn lying on the ground.

He said at no time had he heard the nine police officers who carried out the ambush approach, although the court was told a police shouted "armed police" through a megaphone.

Whitelock released Anker and started to run towards the back of the Securitor van, gun in hand. But before he got there, he was shot in the side, the bullet having grazed Payne. He then surrendered.

Richard Parfitt, the getaway driver, said he heard no warning shouts before armed police opened fire.

Parfitt, serving eight years for his part in the raid, broke down in tears as he described how his two friends died.

The inquest continues today.

Advance in carbon dating

By Robert Matthews Technology Correspondent

Scientists at the Natural History Museum in London have shown that a radio-carbon dating technique invented by Oxford University will revolutionize knowledge of early humans.

Palaeontologists have relied on indirect measures for dating fossils, such as the depth at which they were found. A human jawbone dug up at Kent's Cavern, near Torquay, Devon, has been dated by the Oxford technique as 30,900 years.

This is the oldest accurate radio-carbon date obtained for human remains. It makes the jawbone, which is on display at a Torquay museum, the oldest bone from a modern human to be found in Britain.

Dr Chris Stringer, curator of fossil human remains at the Natural History Museum, said the technique, called accelerator mass spectrometry, may be able to date accurately fossils up to 50,000 years.

Schoolboy denies killing girl aged 2

A boy aged 12 killed a girl aged two after walking her hand in hand from a birthday party to a railway embankment, a court was told yesterday.

The boy, who has not been named, denies murdering, abducting and indecently assaulting Sharonna Joseph.

Chelmsford Crown Court was told that Sharonna disappeared after her sister's ninth birthday party on February 22 this year, having been led away from the Aberford Community Centre where her mother was helping to clear up. Her body was found on a railway embankment at Borehamwood, Hertfordshire. She had been suffocated.

The boy, who was allegedly seen with the girl by a British Rail official, had run away from a children's home that morning.

The trial continues today.

£80,000 grant to help bone disease sufferers

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The Government yesterday announced an £80,000 grant to help sufferers of osteoporosis, or brittle bone disease, which affects about two million people, mostly women.

The money is being given over three years to the National Osteoporosis Society, a charity which provides advice and information.

Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health, announced the grant when she attended a medical conference held by the society in London yesterday.

Osteoporosis is a disease which weakens the bones, particularly in women after the menopause. It leads to a curvature of the spine and shrinkage in height among

many elderly women, and makes them more vulnerable to bone fractures.

Treatment for sufferers costs the health service about £300 million a year. The grant is the first government funding for any voluntary group in the field, Mrs Currie said.

Although there is no cure for osteoporosis, the condition can be prevented by a healthy lifestyle and a calcium-rich diet early in life, doctors at the conference said.

Hormone replacement therapy can stop progression of the condition, but is not suitable for all sufferers.

The society's booklets are available by sending an addressed envelope, stamped with 2p, to the NOS, PO Box 10 Barton Meade House, Radstock, Bath BA3 3YB.

Soccer star jailed after car chase

The Liverpool football star, Ian Molby, was jailed for three months yesterday after admitting reckless driving.

The Danish international started straight ahead as Judge Crowe, QC, told him: "It is only the mercy of providence that you didn't kill or maim somebody."

Molby had admitted speeding through the Wirral town of Wallasey in his BMW M3 sports car at up to 100 mph in a 30 mph zone.

He was chased by three police patrols but lost them all. He later denied being the driver, but every officer involved in the chase had recognized him and identified the black-left hand drive BMW.

Liverpool Crown Court was told he drove through red lights and skidded broadside in the road before driving straight at a police panda car.

He later admitted having drunk two to three pints of beer and said it was sheer panic which had caused him to race off when police tried to stop him.

Molby, of Salmon Leap, Handbridge, Chester, was given a character reference by Mr Sidney Moss, an Anfield director, a former Metropolitan police authority chairman and a former JP.

He said a jail sentence could put Molby's future with Liverpool in question. "As far as his international status would be concerned I am of

the opinion it would be placed in jeopardy," he said. Mr David Maddison, for the defence, also said a prison sentence would put Molby's career at risk.

But Judge Crowe, who banned Molby from driving for 12 months and ordered him to pay £320 costs, said: "Driving of this kind is to be treated harshly."

"No other punishment seems appropriate than a loss of liberty."

The court was told that Molby, signed by Liverpool in 1984, had previous driving convictions. They were committed while he was depressed after being injured during training in 1986.

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Sixteen arrested as Customs men celebrate record seizures

Joint operation nets £5m cannabis haul

By David Sapsted

A big land, sea and air operation by the police and Customs officers in Devon yesterday resulted in the seizure of cannabis resin worth more than £5 million, the arrest of 16 people and the detention of a French fishing boat.

The operation boosted the seizure of cannabis by Customs officers in the past six weeks to almost 15 tonnes, with a street value of more than £20 million.

"We are delighted that we have been able to record some notable successes just recently, as far as the drug-smuggling problem is concerned," the Customs and Excise said. The seizure of 1.5 tonnes of cannabis resin took place near Anstey's Cove, a secluded beach near Torquay. The drug was being brought ashore by dinghy when officers from Customs and Excise's investigation division and the South-west regional drugs squad swooped.

A Devon and Cornwall police helicopter hovered over the dinghy as officers closed in. Thirteen men were arrested as they tried to leave the Palace Hotel, Babbacombe. Another three were taken into custody when three Customs cutters intercepted the 60 ft French-registered fishing boat, *Etoile de Liseux*, as it attempted to leave the area.

The vessel was moored last night at Princess Pier, Torquay, sandwiched between Customs cutters.

The raid began shortly after midnight when a vessel nosed cautiously into the cove. As two vans and a car left the beach, police cars moved in at speed to cut them off while the

helicopter swooped with high-powered searchlights.

Both vans and the car stopped and their doors were thrown open as a number of men attempted to escape. They were chased and caught by police and Customs officers on foot and taken in handcuffs to police cars.

Mr Paul Uphill, managing director of the four-star Palace Hotel, said: "It was like the D-Day landings. Police and customs men were everywhere and the police helicopter flew overhead."

"They were obviously in readiness for something big to happen and it was a perfect operation. Police and Customs had sussed out the situation in advance. I knew something was afoot but the majority of staff and all the guests were not aware of anything."

"One or two guests were woken up by the helicopter but I think most welcomed it all as a bit of entertainment. The whole thing was a bit like something out of *Star Wars*."

The vessel in the cove made a break for the open sea but was caught in a pre-arranged move by the cutters.

The operation, codenamed Kleese, was launched after Customs received intelligence that the cannabis was to be smuggled from North Africa through Spain, Spanish and French authorities co-operated in the investigation, Customs and Excise said.

Among those arrested were a Belgian and two French men. The men were being questioned by Customs officers in Torquay. They are expected in court today.

Customs sources said the



The seized French-registered fishing vessel, *Etoile de Liseux*, left, alongside a Customs cutter at Torquay yesterday.

record haul of cannabis in the past six weeks indicated improving co-operation between British and Continental drugs enforcement agencies.

The seizures included 10 tonnes of cannabis valued at more than £15 million which was found in an exhaustive search when the coaster *Salton* Sea was escorted into Ramsgate, Kent, after a cross-Channel chase on September 4.

On September 8, 1.5 tonnes

of cannabis was found on a yacht at Falmouth. On September 21, a tonne of the drug was seized from a yacht at Newlyn, Cornwall. A number of people have appeared in court in connection with the seizures.

The police were hunting yesterday for two Colombians and a gang that freed them from a remand centre in a highly-organized escape as they awaited trial on cocaine trafficking charges.

The men escaped after the gang cut a security fence at Feltham remand centre, west London, before dawn. The bars in their cell were widened with a powerful jack.

The Home Office was examining an urgent report on the escape from the centre, which is close to Heathrow.

The two men were named as Jose Pineda, aged 20, and John Vallejo, aged 19. They were arrested last June with

two other men in a Customs operation in Hampstead, north London, when a kilo of cocaine was found. They were committed for trial last month at Wood Green Crown Court on charges of possession and smuggling drugs.

Customs sources said neither was regarded as a senior suspect in the drugs world. Nor are they thought to be connected to any of the big Colombian cocaine figures.

Satellite TV likely to show X-rated films

By Richard Evans

Media Editor

Britain's new satellite television stations will probably be allowed to show X-rated films banned on BBC and independent television.

Both Sky Television and British Satellite Broadcasting want to use their subscription film channels to show any film which is available in high street cinemas.

Existing "terrestrial" broadcasters are prevented from screening riskier films which have been shown widely on cinemas, such as *Life of Brian* and *Last Tango in Paris*, although they have been passed by the British Board of Film Censors.

Until now Lord Rees-Mogg, chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council, has indicated there should be one all-embracing code of practice applying to everything shown on television, whether it was freely available on existing television or on offer from the satellite television's pay-as-you-view channels.

He is worried by initial demands from the fledgling satellite companies that they wanted to show uncensored films not passed by the film censors.

But yesterday both Sky Television and BSB made it clear they only want to be able to show films which can be seen in high street cinemas, having been passed by the film censors.

BSB, which is due to launch three new channels next September and will have a parental control button for its films, said: "We would like to

The future of Saper Channel, the satellite television station, was in the balance last night after a five-hour company board meeting.

Two "firm offers" have been made for the loss-making venture but no announcement will be made in the near future, the company said.

The television concern, launched 21 months ago and financed by independent television companies and Virgin, broadcasts to 13 million homes in Europe via cable.

be able to show films on our subscription channel in the same way they were originally shown in the cinema. We would show whatever the BBFC deemed fit to be shown in the cinema. We would not presume to jump ahead of the BBFC on taste judgement."

A spokeswoman for Sky TV said: "We are not planning to show any releases which are not acceptable for the cinema public."

Lord Rees-Mogg said: "That is a considerable shift and a very welcome one."

The Broadcasting Standards Council is drawing up a code of practice aimed at keeping unacceptable scenes of sex and violence off television.

Lord Rees-Mogg said yesterday that it might be possible for subscription film channels on satellite television to be covered by the standards imposed by the film censors. But existing stations almost certainly would not be covered.

Society attacks court clerk practice

By David Sapsted

The use by solicitors of untrained "outdoor" clerks in crown court cases was condemned by the Law Society yesterday, but it said such practices would continue until the legal aid system was overhauled.

At Southwark Crown Court yesterday, solicitors admitted that they had to rely on assistants without any formal legal background to help in the presentation of defences in many cases.

However, they dismissed suggestions in a Sunday newspaper that, frequently, the only help a barrister could get was from someone hauled off the unemployment queue by the briefing solicitors for a £25-a-day fee.

The Law Society said it had been concerned for some years that many solicitors involved

in crown court cases were forced to use unqualified assistants.

"Under the present rules, solicitors who have more cases than their staff can cope with have to hire self-employed clerks to go to the crown court with the client and the barrister," the society said. It was wrong, however, to give the impression that such a situation was universal. In many cases, a solicitor would send a representative from his firm.

Solicitors at Southwark admitted that it was common practice to draw from a pool of experienced outdoor clerks when the workload became too great for articulated clerks.

Those stand-ins, they insisted, were normally men with business backgrounds who had retired early and

whose main tasks were to take notes and hand over papers when required.

"It is not a demanding sort of job and nobody has been able to point to any miscarriages of justice as a result of the system. It may not be ideal, but it is the best we can do in difficult circumstances", one said.

According to the Law Society, the use of outdoor clerks provided another argument in favour of solicitors being able to appear as advocates in most crown court cases. The Bar committee supported the proposal in July and, if the Lord Chancellor agrees, it would mean clerks would not be needed in court as solicitors would represent clients themselves.

Judges will be among those in the first British trial of

tagging equipment that will be fitted to prisoners next year. Five members of the legal profession have agreed to take part in the experiment and to report to an international conference on electronic tagging in Leicester next week.

They will have electronic monitoring tags fitted to their wrists and ankles for five days. The tags will send a signal to a central monitoring computer at Leicester Polytechnic.

Magistrates and court clerks have also been approached to take part by Dr Ken Russell, a polytechnic law lecturer.

Dr Russell said yesterday: "We will test how easy it is to remove the tags and how they react when wearers bathe or shower."

Officials at the conference will then report to Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary.

Yard to measure beat work rate by computer

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Correspondent

Scotland Yard is planning computer-aided schemes to measure the work of policemen on the beat and their CID colleagues.

A pilot scheme for checking the performance of detectives is to be started in London next month using manual records which will later be moved to a new force-wide computer crime-recording system.

Research on the scheme for uniformed officers was ordered after senior officers expressed strong interest in the idea at a meeting of the Metropolitan Police's top officers earlier this month.

The two Yard schemes will be watched closely by other forces, conscious of the Government's demand for greater police efficiency and the need

£10m plan for inner city village

By Ian Smith

Blighted inner city land which has degenerated into a derelict eyesore is to be transformed into a waterside village.

Work on the site in the heart of Manchester will begin next month. Within two years six acres of wasteland will become Piccadilly Village, a community of homes, shops and crafts studios.

Giving details yesterday of the £10 million development, Mr David Trippier, Under Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, forecast that the village will attract new investment.

Dr Roderick Ryall, former director of social services for Calderdale, West Yorkshire, was sent for trial yesterday accused of four offences of indecency against boys. Dr Ryall, aged 46, of Halifax, was remanded in custody by magistrates at Bradford.

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Tory rebels will fight on

By Sheila Gann, Political Staff

Conservative backbench rebels protesting at the Government's determination to force through charges for eye tests and dental checks said yesterday that they would not be "bought off" by minor concessions.

They are determined to persuade Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, to drop the proposed £10 eye test and £3 dental charges or, at least, bring in the same exemptions as for prescriptions so that pensioners are guaranteed free examinations.

A Conservative-led revolt in the House of Lords threw out the charges in July. The peers, including dentists and opticians, argued that eye tests and dental check-ups ranked

as preventive medicine for the diagnosis of diabetes, glaucoma, oral cancer and Aids.

The issue returns to the Commons in a fortnight, when Mr Clarke is expected to ask MPs to reverse the defeat and offer concessions on eye tests, including free check-ups for relatives of sufferers from glaucoma.

Mr Clarke is depending on raising £150 million a year from the charges. He is known to be unwilling to ask the Treasury for extra money when he is already battling for more cash on other fronts.

But Mr Jerry Hayes, Conservative MP for Harlow, said yesterday that nothing less than the same exemptions from charges as for free

prescriptions would satisfy him and the 62 other rebels.

Mr Hayes said: "There is no question of the 63 rebels being bought off by the Government. Their rights are fairly implacably set on keeping the Lords' decision totally intact."

"However, it is quite possible that the Government might be able to defuse the situation if it considers introducing exemptions on exactly the same lines as for prescriptions."

If all the rebels went through the division lobby against Mr Clarke, the Government would face defeat. However, it appears unlikely that more than 30 would vote against the Whips rather than abstain.

Runcie to act on church rift

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

The divisive impact on the Church of England of the election of the first woman bishop in the United States is expected to be discussed by the church's House of Bishops at its meeting in London today.

Some bishops want the Church of England to formally break communion with the Episcopal Church of the United States if the election of the Rev Barbara Harris as a bishop suffragan in Massachusetts last month is confirmed, leading to her consecration as the first woman bishop in the Anglican Communion. Others are keen to express their solidarity with her.

Mr Derek Pattinson, secretary-general of the General Synod of the Church of England, who is also secretary to the House of Bishops, said yesterday that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, would be initiating "some discussion of these matters tomorrow."

A special commission has been set up under the Archbishop of Armagh, Dr Robin Eames, to investigate the issue of women bishops. However, its first meeting will not take place until next month.

There is speculation, meanwhile, that at least one bishop, possibly the Bishop of Manchester, the Rt Rev Stanley Booth Clibborn, or the Bishop of Bristol, the Rt Rev Barry Rogerson, might take part in the Rev Harris's

consecration if it goes ahead. That could trigger a counter-attack by the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, who has threatened to declare himself out of communion with any bishop who participates in the consecration of a woman bishop.

The Bishop of Bradford, the Rt Rev Robert Williamson, said yesterday that spending cuts proposed by the controlling Conservative group on Bradford City Council could have an unfair effect on the poor and deprived.

"Are the planned cuts going to result in the poor becoming poorer?" he asked. "That would be unfair to say the least."

Mortgage rises check house demands

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The housing market is changing to a sellers' market for the first time this year as escalating mortgage rates have dampened demand, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors reports in its latest house price survey, published today.

It says previously accelerating house prices are decelerating in many regions. There is clear evidence that higher priced properties are having to adjust downwards to meet the reduced demand. "The prospect of further interest rate increases can only continue to suppress purchaser confidence", it concludes.

Of 97 agents in England and Wales contributing to the survey, only 18 per cent report increases of 8 per cent in the quarter to the end of September, compared with 36 per cent in the three months to the end of August. A quarter report static prices and just over 1 per cent note a fall, the first since last December.

However, while the situation covers much of the South and the Midlands, prices are still increasing in the North, according to a special survey of the region. A shortage of property is fuelling prices, which are well above the national average. Almost half

the agents report increases of 8 per cent in the last quarter, with 40 per cent noting increases of 5 per cent.

Mr Peter Miller, for the institution, said it would be a matter of time before the symptoms apparent elsewhere were felt in the North.

He said: "It seemed only a short time ago that prices would go on rising, with readily available finance and tax concessions for the higher paid fuelling increases. The picture has dramatically altered in a very short period."

However, he said: "The underlying trends in the economy are strong and, without a

ready alternative to home ownership, property is going to remain a good investment."

Between 250,000 and 300,000 houses will need to be cleared or improved each year for the next decade to eliminate the core of unsatisfactory private housing in England, according to a report by the London Housing Aid Centre, published yesterday.

The report says housing decay and disrepair will continue unless policies and priorities change.

Room for Improvement (SHAC, 189A Old Brompton Road, London SW5 0AR; £5.95).

Swiss makes dominate £2.9 million watch sale

by Sarah Jane Checkland

Art Market Correspondent

The Swiss have demonstrated their hold on the second-hand wrist-watch market, achieving no fewer than 12 records for individual models at a sale in Geneva.

Best performers at the weekend sale, totalling £2.9 million, were Patek Philippe and Rolex brands from the 1940s, 50s and 60s.

A Patek Philippe world timer dated 1955 doubled its estimate at SF209,000 (£77,400), outstripping its previous record by SF36,000, while a split-seconds chronograph, register and tachometer

with gold bracelet fetched SF242,000 (£89,600). A collection of nineteenth-century "fantasy" clocks, sent for sale by a mysterious "Countess G" was bought lot by lot by a single Swiss collector for £630,000 (double estimate).

At Sotheby's London yesterday, two anonymous collec-

tions of early English and continental glass achieved the impressive total of £400,000, passing once more to anonymous buyers.

Top lot was a rare Silesian goblet, heavily ornate with coats of arms, scrollwork, eagles and boughs, which sold for £44,000 against an estimate of up to £30,000. It was from the workshop of Friedrich Winter, a manufacturer given a patent for his water-powered cutting works in 1687.

A transparent beaker decorated with the double-chinned

silhouettes of an early nineteenth-century couple sold for its lower estimate of £16,500.

There was also strong bidding at Southwick House in Purbrook, Hampshire, where Christie's sold the furniture of the late Mrs E S Borthwick-Norton.

A set of 18 unusual mahogany dining chairs, their backs in the form of antelopes, sold for £60,500 (upper estimate £40,000) to the London dealers, Carlton Hobbs. Ronald A. Lee, a rival firm, paid £28,600 (triple estimate) for a George III cabinet.

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New law to help borrowers

In a move to give greater protection to borrowers against extortionate interest rates, the Government is to amend the existing law.

Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, replying to questions in the House of Lords, said that in his review of the Consumer Credit Act, his department intended to give power to the courts to reopen a credit agreement. This was a step forward because at present only the borrower could complain about the interest being charged.

Lord Bruce of Donington, for the Opposition, had said that loan sharks in big cities such as London, Birmingham, Glasgow and Cardiff were "driving a coach and horses" through the Act which had been passed in 1974, which it had superseded, and made it virtually impossible for borrowers to get any redress.

Lord Young of Grafton said that loan sharks operated out-

side the law because they were not licensed, and it was a delusion to believe that they could be prevented from operating by any legislation.

The activities were matters for the police.

When Lord Elyria-Jones, from the Opposition, front bench, asked if any criminal proceedings had been brought against loan sharks, Lord Young of Grafton said the difficulty was getting information because many victims were "often unwilling to provide evidence themselves."

Government gives way on medical research

The Government has agreed to make changes to the Health and Medicines Bill to meet fears about the exploitation of ideas and intellectual property in medical research, the House of Lords was told.

During the report stage of the Bill, Lord Skelmersdale, Under Secretary of State for Health, said that the Government would come back at a later stage with concessions to meet concerns.

Lord Eames, Opposition spokesman on health, had moved an amendment to delete a subclause giving power to the Secretary of State to develop and exploit research to add to the income of the health service. He said that the fear was that

TV listing rules may be relaxed

The Government is considering whether the rules governing the listing of television and radio programmes should be relaxed.

Baroness Barton of Coventry (SDP) had complained about "the anti-competitive practices" of the BBC and independent television companies.

Lord Ferrers, Minister of State, Home Office, said that with the prospect of wider consumer choice it was appropriate to examine the existing arrangements.

Parliament today
Lords: (2.30) School Boards (Scotland) Bill, committee.

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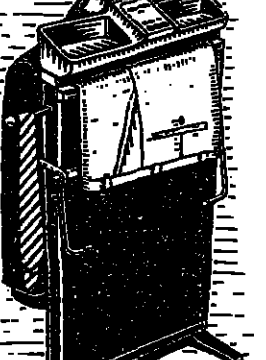
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School authorities cannot fill teaching posts, Labour says

By Douglas Brown, Education Reporter

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, was yesterday accused of "snug complacency" over teacher shortages in key subjects after a Labour Party survey found that two thirds of education authorities had problems recruiting teachers.

The survey of 69 local authorities in England, conducted by Mr Derek Fatchett, Labour schools spokesman, found "marked shortages" of teachers in mathematics, science, technology and languages.

Mr Jack Straw, Labour education spokesman, said figures for the number of graduates applying to train as teachers, which are due later this week, would show a worrying decline.

The survey of outstanding vacancies found that 69 per cent of the authorities had "chronic levels of understaffing" in mathematics, science and craft, design and technology. There were problems in recruiting modern languages teachers in 55 per cent of the authorities surveyed.

Mr Straw said the situation in mathematics and science was worse than the figures suggested. The true scale of the

Schools should review all their lessons and teaching methods to ensure that they are ready for the national curriculum next autumn, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, said yesterday.

In a circular to schools, Mr Baker asked staff to "take action between now and autumn 1989 to familiarize yourselves with the new provisions".

The schools have also been asked to reconsider the use they make of grants.

problem was masked because classes were being taken by teachers unqualified in the subjects.

The survey also showed that 30 per cent of authorities were having difficulty recruiting nursery and infant teachers.

The survey spells out the reality in our schools and contrasts sharply with the snug complacency of the education secretary, who refuses to address himself to this question, central to raising standards in all schools," Mr Straw said.

He predicted that the official figures for the number of graduates applying to train as

teachers this autumn would show a drop of 18 per cent in the number applying to train as secondary school teachers.

The figures would also disclose a 27 per cent drop in applications to teach chemistry, an 18 per cent drop in applicants to teach physics and a 15 per cent fall in applicants for mathematics.

However, the figures would show a 14 per cent rise in the number of would-be primary school teachers.

The Department of Education and Science said: "There has never been any complacency on the part of the department or ministers", and added that a number of initiatives had been taken to encourage more people into the teaching profession.

University technicians will hold a one-day stoppage today in a campaign for more pay to keep them in line with industry counterparts. The technicians, including 2,000 from Scotland, are angry at the Government's refusal to act on an independent inquiry, published last year, which they said showed their pay to have fallen 18 per cent behind industry.

Handicapped artist's vision of Willis



Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, having his portrait painted by Imran Rishi, aged 11, from Priestly Smith School, Birmingham, who yesterday won the Royal National Institute for the Blind's prize for children aged 8 to 12 in the first national painting competition for the visually handicapped. Mr Willis and Sir Hugh Casson, former president of the Royal Academy, presented prizes on what was also the 70th anniversary of the charity's work. Some 40 of the competition entries will be on display until Sunday at Gunnersbury Park Museum, west London (Photograph: Peter Triemer).

Privatized water will be charged by meters

By David Walker

Water authority executives have privately decided to install meters to record water consumption after the industry is privatized — without waiting for the results of metering trials authorized by the Government.

The authorities, including Thames and Severn Trent, now consider there is no alternative to meters.

The abolition of domestic rates, which have been the basis of household charges for water supply and sewage disposal since 1973, coincides with privatization of water. In theory, water authorities are to consider the results of metering trials in the Isle of Wight, Wakefield and other areas, but executives are sure there is no alternative.

Householders will pay for metering — estimated to cost up to £120 per property — through higher bills.

Yorkshire water authority has already announced that from April 1990 all newly built houses and flats will be charged on a metered basis.

In a metering trial about to begin in South Normanton, Wakefield, the fixed charge for connection to the water main will be £36 a year (paid by the authority during the trial) and the first 50 cubic metres of water supplied will be free.

'Loyalist' turmoil after killing

UDA chiefs crack down on rackets

By Jamie Dettmer, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Belfast's "loyalist" public houses and clubs have been rife with speculation about the weekend shooting of Jim Craig, a senior member of the Ulster Defence Association, who was killed by his organization. The question most of the drinkers have been debating is: who is next?

Craig, one of the most flashy and brutal gangsters in Belfast's twilight paramilitary world where sectarian politics and crime mix easily, was clearly living on borrowed time.

He had grown rich on the back of the UDA's rackets and was suspected of trading information with the republican enemies, the IRA and Irish National Liberation Army, as part of his effort to keep his extortion rackets out of the grasp of his paramilitary colleagues.

There are others in the UDA who this morning will be fingering the back of their collars, fearing that they too might be swept away in a "clean out".

Last week, in an exclusive interview with *The Times*, the UDA's inner council indicated its determination to stamp its authority on the organization and to stop the extensive "freelancing" of some senior members.

For 18 months now senior figures in the UDA have feared attacks by comrades as much as assassination attempts by the IRA or INLA. Recently, one prominent member in west Belfast injured himself clambering over a roof when he thought he was escaping from two loyalist gunmen who had come to kill him.

His bodyguards had seen two gunmen from the rival Ulster Volunteer Force outside in the street and thought they were assassins on orders from others in the UDA. In fact, they were in the process of hijacking a meat delivery van for a different operation.

The UDA, which was

formed in 1971 to co-ordinate the numerous loyalist vigilante groups that sprung up in response to the growing strength of the republican paramilitaries, has never had the discipline or the strong direction wielded by the IRA.

A concerted effort last year by the then deputy leader, John McMichael, to discipline the movement failed when he did not receive the full backing of the UDA's "supreme commander", Andy Tyrre, a friend of Jim Craig.

McMichael died last December when the IRA booby-trapped his car. Since his death, and Mr Tyrre's forced resignation in March, the UDA has been in a state of confusion.

The seven-man inner council has been caught between two groups: the "hard men" such as Craig who were more interested in personal profit-making and a group of young "political" recruits who mainly hail from the sprawling estates of Rathcoole and Carrmonee in north Belfast.

The younger elements have been eagerly calling for the pushing aside of the Craig-type generation and are behind a UDA splinter group called the People's Reaction Force which attempted to blow up Andy Tyrre.

The younger group is keen to take the fight to the republicans and has launched a number of attacks this year. However, none of the six people it has killed since January was connected with republican paramilitaries and the speculative and purely sectarian nature of their shootings have worried the inner council.

The killing of Jim Craig is as much an attempt to appease the younger members as to bring to heel the Tyrre set. The 200 or so loyalist prisoners have also urged the inner council to control the younger members as they fear that a dramatic increase in UDA activity could mean losing chances of early release.

Pregnant wife 'forced into lewd act on stage'

A pregnant woman was dragged from the audience of a rock horror show and forced to take part in simulated sexual intercourse on stage with an actor dressed as Quasimodo, a court was told yesterday.

Mrs Karen Lewis, aged 21, said her crying and protests that she was expecting a child were ignored.

She said she was placed on a mock gallows in front of more than 300 people as the hunchback actor pretended to have intercourse. A male singer then joined in.

"I was in such a state. I just wanted to get off the stage", she told Cardiff Crown Court.

Ronald Dickson, aged 42, of Dargies Lane, Great Warley, Walsall, West Midlands, and Peter Mills, aged 23, of Ashmore Park, Wolverhampton, members of the Nightmare Shock Show, deny indecently assaulting Mrs Lewis at Maerdy Hall in Rhondda, Mid Glamorgan, last February.

Mr Gerald Price, for the prosecution, said the show was supposed to be more oriented towards horror than sex.

"The show was of a particularly lewd kind and there are people who clearly go to them with their eyes wide open. But there is a line beyond which one cannot go. That line was passed by both defendants when the complainant was forced to participate in an act on stage."

Mrs Lewis, of Griffiths Street, Maerdy, was three months pregnant when she went to the club to celebrate her birthday.

When the Quasimodo actor appeared on stage, a singer told him to "get the blonde one, the one in black", Mr Griffiths said.

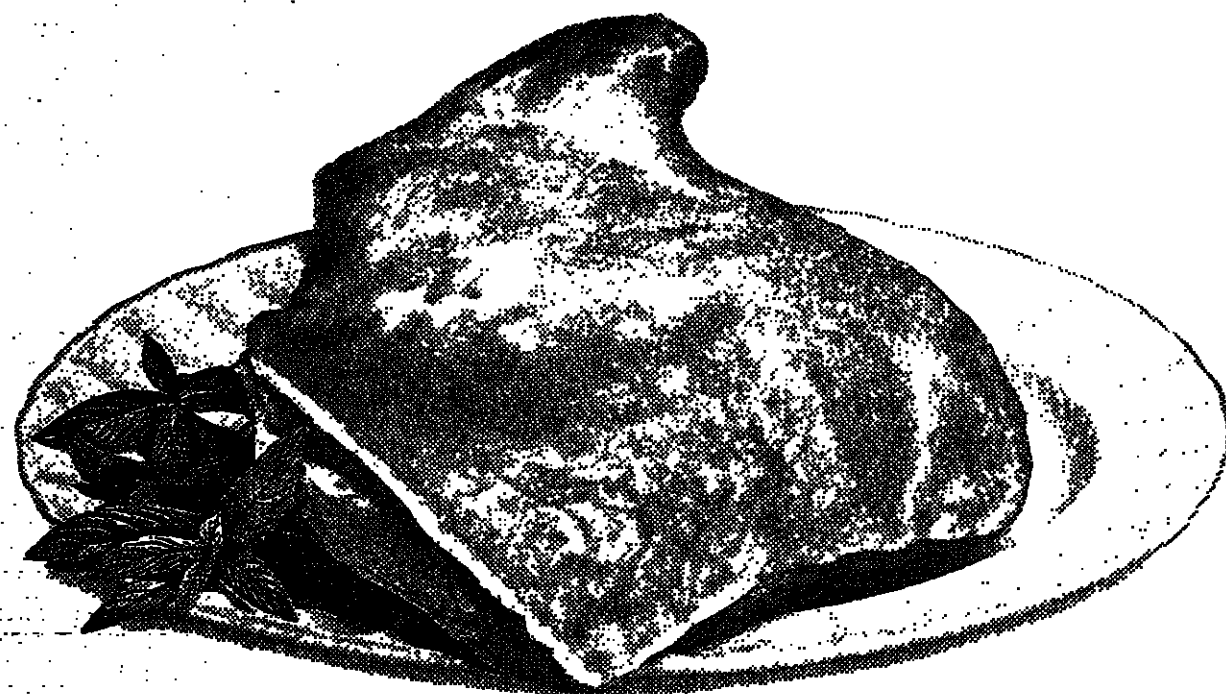
Mr Griffiths said Mrs Lewis was hauled out of her chair. "I was gripping the front of the table but he wouldn't leave me alone", she said.

After the act her mother-in-law ran across the stage and helped her back to her seat.

Mr Graham Jones, the club treasurer and show's compere, said he ordered the actors to stop the show after protests from Mrs Lewis's mother-in-law. "Afterwards I told them I thought it was a disgusting exhibition. I apologized."

The case continues today.

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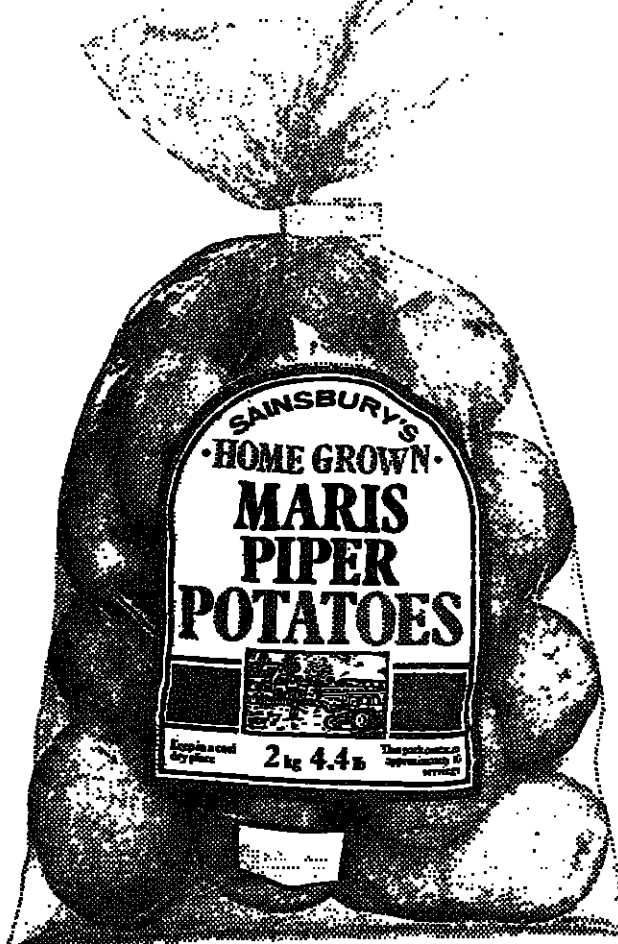


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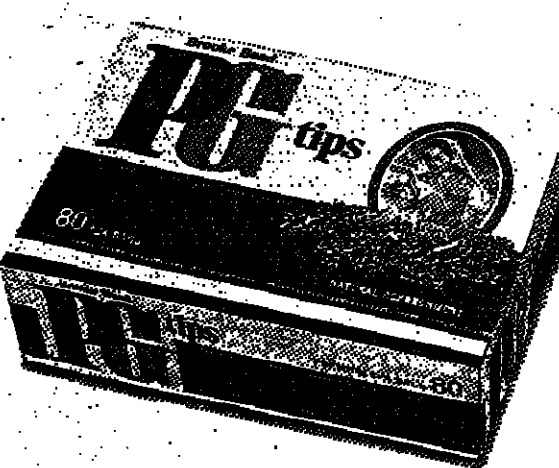


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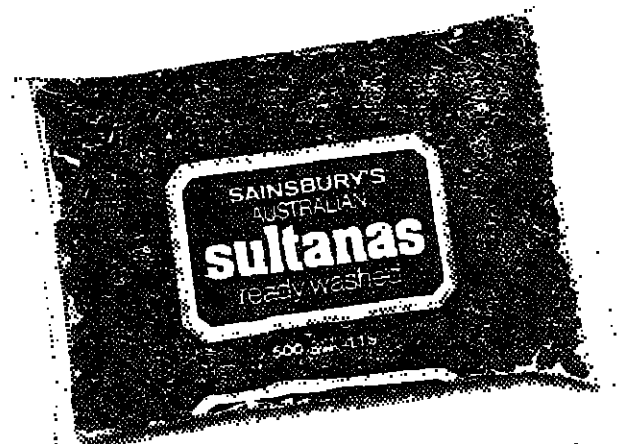


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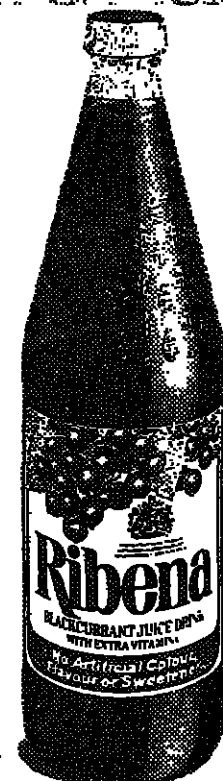
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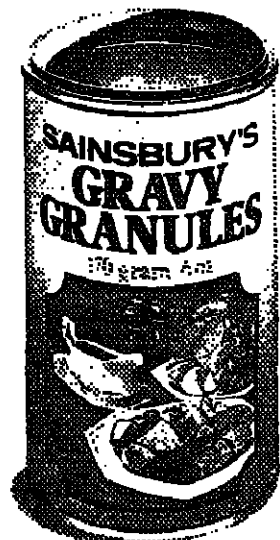


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Scientists unite on ozone crisis

Amsterdam — More than 70 top international scientists yesterday began a two-day review of the depletion of the world's ozone layer, organized in The Hague by the United Nations Environmental Programme (Mark Fuller writes).

Mr R.T. Watson, of the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said they would review indicators that the ozone layer depletion in northern latitudes was higher than expected. Recent surveys showed a depletion of 1.5 to 3 per cent in northern latitudes over 20 years. The hole in the ozone layer above the Antarctic was not as deep or extensive as last year, the worst year on record.

Scientists were now certain that the ozone depletion in the southern hemisphere is caused by chemicals such as chlorofluorocarbons, he said. *Science Report, page 16*

Successor to Strauss

Bonn — Herr Theo Waigel was yesterday nominated to succeed the late Franz Josef Strauss as leader of the Bavarian Christian Social Union, the hardline conservative sister-party of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats (John England writes).

The CSU executive in Munich named Herr Waigel, aged 49, who has been chairman of the party's group in Bonn since 1982, after a one-hour meeting at which no vote was taken. The way for Herr Waigel's sole candidature for the chairmanship was cleared at the weekend when another potential candidate, Herr Gerold Tandler, aged 52, former CSU secretary-general and now Bavarian Economics Minister, agreed to drop out.

Refugees' plea to US

Budapest (Reuter) — Romanian refugees in Hungary appealed yesterday to President Reagan's senior envoy to East Europe to help them find new homes. "The Bucharest family dictatorship and the trampling underfoot of human rights have brought Romania into a dramatic situation," they said in a letter to Mr John Whitehead, the US Deputy Secretary of State.

He flew to Hungary from Czechoslovakia on Sunday on the fifth stage of his six-nation East European tour. He held talks yesterday with senior Communist Party officials. The letter, delivered to the US Embassy here, was signed by 191 members of "Romania Libera", a dissident group which has expanded in Hungarian exile.

Taba return delayed

Jerusalem (Reuter) — Egypt has agreed to postpone the implementation of an international ruling on the Taba border dispute with Israel until after Israel's general elections on November 1. An international arbitration panel last month awarded Egypt the Red Sea resort which Israel held on to after withdrawing from the rest of the Sinai peninsula in 1982 under a peace treaty with Egypt.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman here said that the Egyptian Ambassador notified Israeli officials yesterday that Egypt had agreed to an American request to delay implementation for 60 days from the date of the ruling.

Austria far-right gains

Vienna (Reuter) — Austria's right-wing Freedom Party (FPÖ) won its first seats in the provincial Government of Lower Austria in elections held on Sunday. Led by the controversial Herr Jörg Haider, the party won five seats, with nearly 10 per cent of the vote. The conservative People's Party held on to its majority with 29 seats while the Socialist Party, its national coalition partner, won 22.

The FPÖ was founded in 1955 from the roots of an extreme right-wing party which for much of the 1970s was led by Herr Friedrich Peter, a former Nazi SS officer.

Haiti coup founders

Port-au-Prince (Reuter) — Three officers, two of them members of the Presidential Guard, failed in an attempt to stage a coup at the weekend against Haiti's month-old military Government. Heavy shooting was heard on Saturday night. The military Government of Lieutenant-General Prosper Avril was installed by presidential guardsmen who overthrew the three-month-old Administration of General Henri Namphy on September 17.

East's military posture 'depends on Nato deal'

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

A Soviet general said in London yesterday that Warsaw Pact forces would not adopt a "totally defensive" military posture until there was agreement with Nato on reducing conventional armaments.

Colonel General Makhmud Gareev, Deputy Chief of the Soviet General Staff and one of the most senior Soviet officers to visit Britain in recent years, also insisted that there was no question of the Warsaw Pact cutting its conventional forces "unilaterally".

The general, attired in civilian clothes, is in London for three days at the invitation of the Royal United Services Institute, to talk with senior British military personnel about

prospects for conventional force reductions.

The last representative of the Soviet top brass to visit Britain was Marshal Sergei Akhromyev, Chief of the General Staff, who arrived with President Gorbachov for a brief session with the Prime Minister at RAF Brize Norton in December en route to the summit meeting in Washington.

The Government has severely restricted contacts with the Soviet military since the invasion of Afghanistan. With Soviet forces now withdrawing, the policy is changing.

Despite Nato claims that Pact forces still maintain an offensive posture, General Gareev yesterday said that the Soviet military was now bound by legislation to be

defensive. "This is reflected in our operational planning and military training. The vast majority of our exercises are defensive," he said. "But for us to be totally defensive,

Moscow (AFP) — The Soviet Politburo has no deputy leader and meetings held in the absence of President Gorbachov are chaired by a member chosen by the collective leadership, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr Gennadi Gerasimov, told a Western journalist yesterday.

that would mean a cut in the level of armaments first."

General Gareev took up the theme promoted by Marshal Akhromyev in Stockholm last month, when he called on the West to reduce its naval strike power.

Known to be a hardliner who has had to force himself to get used to the *glasnost* era imposed by President Gorbachov, he admitted yesterday that the Warsaw Pact had more tanks and artillery than Nato.

"We have to clarify the imbalances and asymmetries that exist," he said. "We don't deny that such asymmetries do exist. The Soviet armed forces do have a certain numerical superiority in tanks and artillery."

According to Western estimates, the Warsaw Pact has 53,000 main battle tanks deployed from the Atlantic to the Urals, compared to Nato's 22,300.

But General Gareev added: "Nato has superiority in strike aviation and naval forces. Elementary fairness and interest in security says

that we cannot unilaterally have one set of imbalances removed and another set not removed."

The issue of Nato's superior naval strength has also recently been taken up by President Gorbachov as a way of putting pressure on Nato in the build-up to new talks on conventional force reductions. Nato and Warsaw Pact countries are currently engaged in talks in Vienna on finding a mandate for fresh conventional force negotiations, which, it is hoped, will begin next year.

Yesterday General Gareev admitted that the mandate would not include naval forces. It had been agreed that the talks would concentrate on land forces. But he said Nato's maritime superiority was a cause of Pact concern.

Republicans play communist-aggression card to maintain campaign momentum

Bush mocks Dukakis on defence

From Christopher Thomas
Denver

In a clear bid for conservative Democratic votes, Vice-President George Bush issued a classic Republican election season warning yesterday of continued communist aggression, declaring that Soviet armies were "still poised to take the offensive in Europe."

In a hard-hitting speech to a high-tech company working on President Reagan's "Star Wars" programme, Mr Bush assailed Governor Michael Dukakis for threatening to run down America's military might. He pledged that under

his Administration, defence spending would be held at present levels.

It was the first time Mr Bush had embraced the defence issue with such gusto, representing a change of tactics in the final three weeks' campaigning.

Republican strategists have calculated that conservative Democrats are worried by Mr Dukakis's opposition to "Star Wars" and other military programmes, such as the MX rail-based missile.

Republican campaigners say they intend to exploit Mr Dukakis's lack of foreign policy and defence experience. The Vice-President's tone towards his opponent was derisory. "Governor, it's time to stop running down our defences," he said in a remark clearly calculated to make the nightly television bulletins.

The election was a referendum about the role America's



Mr Bush giving crowds a victory salute when he arrived with his wife, Barbara, to see an American football game in Denver.

military forces would play in securing world peace. The Reagan Administration policy of "peace through strength" would continue under a Bush Administration. "That policy was supported by the American people in 1980, reaffirmed in 1984, and is going to be reaffirmed again in 1988."

The Vice-President went through a long litany of improvements in American military strength in the past eight years.

Mr Bush attacked Mr Dukakis for emphasizing conventional defences "while he is uncomfortable with anything related to our nuclear

arsenal. But the truth is that conventional defences alone cannot do the job of deterring war". He noted that conventional forces were by far the most costly part of a defence budget. A new armoured division cost \$3.8 billion (£2.1 billion). Another day's readiness cost \$2 billion.

Mr Bush accused his rival of trying to jump into the mainstream by saying that American nuclear forces needed to be modernized. But the governor still opposed the MX and thought the Midgetman cost too much.

He also criticized Mr Dukakis for saying that it was not

necessary to continue testing nuclear missiles. "Governor, if we don't test our weapons, if we don't test ballistic missiles, like you have also suggested, how in the world are we going to develop new weapons? How are we going to retain confidence in what we've got in the arsenal?" he said. And to rousing cheers from a sympathetic audience, he added: "We need to modernize. We need to test. We can't defend America with blueprints."

He went on to defend the Star Wars programme. He wanted to deploy a missile defence system in space as

soon as it was practicable. It made sense to consider a brand new system that threatened no human life.

Mr Bush assailed his rival for his willingness to cut two carriers from the Navy. "The Governor does not propose to cut our naval commitments, only our forces. We did that in the late 1970s and you know what happened — fewer carriers and men to go around, longer sea duty, family strains, enlistment problems, shortage of trained people, more accidents and less competence. We are not going back to a one ocean navy for a three ocean commitment."

First Lady 'silent on borrowed jewels'

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Despite a promise in 1982 that she would abide by federal law, Mrs Nancy Reagan has continued to borrow expensive clothing and jewellery from leading fashion houses without disclosing it. *Time* magazine reported yesterday.

The White House did not deny the charges, but yesterday said President Reagan was very upset about attacks on the First Lady.

Time said Mrs Reagan had been borrowing costly dresses, matching outfits and jewellery from leading fashion houses on both coasts on a lavish scale. "This despite her public promise in February, 1982, that she would stop the practice."

Under the 1978 Ethics in Government Act, any expensive clothing given to Mrs Reagan must be listed on annual financial disclosure forms of federal officials. The Reagan's tax returns after 1982 make no mention of items loaned to Mrs Reagan. One jeweller was quoted as saying she had once borrowed a pair of diamond earrings worth \$457,000.

Mrs Elaine Crispin, Mrs Reagan's press secretary, said the First Lady told her she had bought all the clothes she had worn since early 1982.

However, *Time* quoted a Los Angeles dress designer, Mr David Hayes, as saying she had borrowed between 60 and 80 made-to-order outfits from him in the past eight years, and "been sensational for my business".

Governor woos marginal states

From Charles Bremner, New York

A grim and aggressive Governor Michael Dukakis campaigned through Ohio yesterday to glean votes in the old industrial heartland that could be critical.

Meanwhile, in Boston, his campaign staff tried to quell reports that the Democrats have written off Texas and a vast tract of the South.

Acknowledging that he is now the underdog, Mr Dukakis told the crowd at Euclid, Cleveland and Columbus: "I'm not going to walk away from this one." Then he defined, more clearly than before, the reasons why America should shun his opponent, Vice-President George Bush.

Mr Bush, he said, had remained silent while bad decisions were made, he had refused to take responsibility for his mistakes and his commitment to a "gentler nation" was no more than lip service to a national mood.

For want of straws to grasp, many senior Democrats are reaching for their history books, reminding interviewers of their party's tradition of beating the conventional wisdom. They did it when Truman beat Dewey against the odds in 1948, and came close to doing so in 1968 when, in the last two weeks, Mr Hubert Humphrey rallied from a long way behind to come within a hair's-breadth of beating Mr Richard Nixon.

At a crisis strategy session in

Boston at the weekend, the Governor and his team decided to take a simplified, hard-hitting approach to win over the undecided, mainly middle-class voters of the big industrial battlegrounds to tip the scales in their favour.

The Governor's central theme is that the Reagan prosperity is an illusion created by borrowing and its result is the "buying of America" by foreigners.

After months of shunning the protectionist message, Mr Dukakis seems to have embraced it in his last-ditch fight for the crown.

The Dukakis campaign is trying to recover its fortunes with the help of simple and direct television commercials launched yesterday to replace a disastrous series of negative advertisements that sought to ridicule the way Mr Bush's image-makers manipulated their man.

In one of the new advertisements, the Governor stands in his study looking directly at the camera and, in a fatherly way, says: "As a nation we're 200 years young, but we're getting a little out of shape."

The campaign, fresh from a reviving rally on Sunday in Boston, struggled to keep up morale in the traditionally Democratic land that has become the "rust belt".

Local polls showed Mr Bush edging ahead in Ohio and neighbouring states. Accord-

ing to the *Akron Beacon*, Mr Bush is leading by 47 to 36 per cent. The *Detroit News* said Mr Bush was leading by 54 to 41 per cent among voters who had seen last Thursday's debate.

According to the Democrats' new strategy, Mr Dukakis can still win the vital 270 votes in the Electoral College provided he swings a group of big industrial toss-up states into his column.

These include California, Oregon and Washington in the West, and Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio in the industrial belt.

Senior campaign officials angrily denied reports that they had washed their hands of Texas and the South, but they conceded they had decided to "focus" their resources. This has included removing all senior staff from Florida and sending them to the Midwest.

But, in a show of continuing combat, Mr Dukakis is to travel to Georgia and Louisiana after a stop in New York where the polls show that the Democrats' safest state is now appearing shaky.

The suggestion that the Democrats had abandoned Texas infuriated local party officials and prompted uncharacteristic dissent from Senator Lloyd Bentsen, the Governor's Texan running mate.

Late in the campaign, it was

normal that the Democratic strategists should concentrate on some regions, Mr Bentsen said on Sunday, "but there's some of those states that frankly, I don't agree with them on. I'm going to be spending time in them and I think we're going to pull off some surprises".

The notion of conceding Texas, with its 29 electoral votes, would acknowledge an error by the Governor, whose choice of Senator Bentsen was a heavy gamble that he could unseat Mr Bush in the state he calls home.

Fresh bad news for the Democrats appeared yesterday in the form of an analysis of television coverage — an all-important barometer of the influence on the electorate. The Conference on Issues and Media issued statistics showing that Mr Dukakis's TV impact soon fell into the negatives for the first time in the campaign, "indicating that harsh stories about him are dominating the evening news agenda".

But Senator Bentsen told a Missouri rally: "Our party has a proud tradition of closing from behind. I can't help but remember Harry Truman out there when the press had written him off."

Mr Dukakis is also reminding the press that they wrote him out of the Democratic primary race.

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Sweden's moose and wild deer, made radioactive by the Chernobyl nuclear accident two years ago, are living longer because hunters no longer have any interest in shooting them.

The moose population has risen to an all-time high of 240,000 from around 136,000 before Chernobyl, and numbers of deer have almost doubled to around 400,000.

The fear now is that the animals will cause an equally dramatic increase in road accidents. Crashes resulting from moose and deer straying in front of cars already cause hundreds of deaths each year.

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From Christopher Mosey
Stockholm

It is also feared that forestry plantations will suffer. Even in a normal year damage caused by moose and deer costs the forest industry, backbone of the nation's economic life, £10 million.

Hunters started laying down their arms following the discovery earlier this autumn of record amounts of radioactive caesium in moose and deer shot in the area around the east coast town of Gavle, which was badly hit by the Chernobyl disaster.

Instead of diminishing as expected, radioactivity in moose has doubled this year to around 3,000 becquerels per kilo. This is thought to be a result of caesium being

"stored" in the forest plants the animals eat. Values next year may be even higher, some radiation experts have warned.

Mr Bo Thelander of the National Federation of Hunters, said: "If this is going to be the trend, it is truly frightening."

He was critical of the Swedish authorities for not warning hunters in advance of the autumn call.

Mr Thelander said the aim was to reduce the moose population to around 225,000.

The problem is that hunters now lack incentive. Mr Thelander said: "Hunters have respect for the animals they shoot. They don't want to kill moose and then have to

bury the carcass or sell it for dog food."

The real reason is somewhat different. Officially hunters are allowed moose meat only for their own or their family's consumption. However, unofficially, its sale has hitherto been a growth area of the burgeoning Swedish "black" economy. But radioactive meat is not good business.

Meanwhile, there was some consolation for the hunters. Hare and partridge, less vulnerable to radioactivity, are increasing in numbers and appearing more often on gourmet menus because of a scabies epidemic which has killed thousands of foxes, the country's main predators.

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The Queen starts first state visit to Spain by a reigning British monarch

Affectionate welcome for royal cousins

From Alan Hamilton, Madrid

Stepping from a magnificent, white-tired vintage Rolls-Royce that once bore General Franco about his dictatorial business, the Queen was welcomed to Spain yesterday with a kiss on each cheek and on her white-gloved hand from her third cousin, King Juan Carlos.

Then Queen Sofia kissed her, after which the Duke of Edinburgh kissed Queen Sofia and she kissed him back. The Duke and the King restricted themselves to warm handshakes. All in all, the formal welcome at the Pardo Palace outside Madrid, once Franco's home but now stripped of most of his possessions and memories in Spain's new era of constitutional monarchy, smacked more of a family reunion than of the first state visit to Spain by a reigning British monarch.

The Queen and the King inspected the Spanish Royal Guard in their 19th century blue-and-red uniforms and pith helmets, reminiscent of Mid-European toy soldiers, while the Duke and Queen Sofia chatted amiably on the sidelines as though catching up with the family gossip.

Then Windsors and Bourbons mounted a podium to watch a parade of footed and mounted Royal Guard, who shouted Viva as they marched past and were preceded by 25 Guardsmen on motorcycles.

Informality is the style of the restored Bourbon monarchy. King Juan Carlos has only a small household, and no aristocratic infrastructure who regard him as the pinnacle of their social class. But he is less demotic and more stylish than, say, Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands whose official ceremonial transport is a Ford Granada.

The monarchs exchanged their oldest and most ro-

mantic orders of chivalry. The Queen created King Juan Carlos an Extra Knight of the Garter, where he will join the sovereigns of Norway, Belgium, Luxembourg, Sweden, and Emperor Hirohito of Japan. The King in return invested the Queen with the Golden Fleece, an order founded in 1430 and once restricted to Catholics and men. Previous holders have included the Duke of Wellington, Prince Albert, Edward VII, George V and the Duke of Windsor.

The Prince of the Asturias, aged 20, King Juan Carlos's son and heir to the Spanish throne, was made a Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, while Queen Sofia, a keen and talented musician, was presented with a facsimile manuscript and a recording of an oratorio written by Mozart at the age of 10.

As the King walked with the Queen, one hand gestulating and the other in his trouser pocket, he kept finding himself on her right, that is to say, wrong side, and had to execute several swift two-steps behind her to reappear at her left shoulder. She was clearly enjoying herself; he even managed to persuade her to stop for a moment in front of the massed cameramen and smile.

"Buenos dias," said the King pleasantly to the press, such gestures are rare at home.

Behind the ceremony, however, a discreet but enormous security operation has been mounted involving many hundreds of officers from the police, the paramilitary Civil Guard and the GEO, the Spanish police equivalent of the SAS. Spain is well aware of the close contacts between the IRA and ETA, the Basque terrorist organization, which on Sunday killed two policemen in two separate bomb



A guiding hand from King Juan Carlos as he welcomes the Queen in Madrid yesterday.

incidents near Pamplona in northern Spain.

Dressed in a coat of cornflower blue and a matching broad-brimmed hat like a flying saucer in a tight turn, the Queen stood for the national anthems and a 21-gun salute, blinking in the brilliant, hot sunshine following a rare night of torrential

rain. The weather was a perfect accompaniment to the warmth of the reception the state visit has been accorded by the Spanish press.

In an editorial the Madrid daily, *El Pais*, said the welcome to "Isabel II" was absolutely without reservations. "History is doing away with the bad odours, and is

showing itself in new realities," the paper said, managing not to mention Gibraltar once. Spanish newspapers and magazines have been carrying large and fulsome colour features about "Isabel y Felipe".

Mrs Thatcher did much to prepare the ground during her brief visit to Madrid last month, when she managed to

convince her hosts that most of the blame for the troubles of the Rock should be shifted on to the Gibraltarians themselves. Segovia himself could not have played sweeter music to Spanish ears.

While the monarchs lunched yesterday at the Zarzuela Palace, King Juan Carlos's official residence, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, lunched with Señor Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez, the Spanish Foreign Minister, but a state visit is not regarded as the time to produce new initiatives on Gibraltar which belong more properly to the "Brussels process" of regular talks between the two Governments.

In several meetings this week the two Foreign Ministers will be concentrating more on Spain's gradual integration into Europe after decades of isolation.

Spain assumes presidency of the European Community at the end of this year, and has joined Nato, a personal triumph for the Socialist Prime Minister, Señor Felipe González, against considerable public opposition. Spain's membership of the Western European Union is now under discussion.

During this week's state visit both sides appear determined that the continuing irritant of Gibraltar should not impede improved trade. Madrid's department stores are running British promotions, and one of the highlights of the commercial push was to have been a trade seminar attended by 100 British and Spanish businessmen on board the royal yacht Britannia, cruising off Barcelona.

But the storm which hit Madrid on Sunday night had moved north-east, and discussions on Europe after 1992 were conducted tied firmly to the dock.

Gdansk clashes cast cloud over Solidarity talks

By Our Eastern Europe Correspondent

The weekend violence in Gdansk has dealt a blow to hopes of consensus in the planned and much vaunted "round table talks" between the opposition and Government which are expected to begin this week.

The use of water cannon on Sunday to break up one of the traditional Solidarity demonstrations which follow services at the Solidarity church of St Bridget's suggests that the authorities were prepared in advance for some trial of strength.

The incident has underlined the commitment of the new Polish Prime Minister, Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, to the "old guard" in Polish politics. The paralysis and weakness which swept the Messner Government, which resigned last month during the wave of strikes earlier this autumn, seems now to have been replaced by a firmer hand.

For many opposition figures, the use of force in Gdansk will only confirm their suspicions that Mr Rakowski does not wish to pursue dialogue with the opposition.

Mr Rakowski is already tainted by his role during martial law. As General Wojciech Jaruzelski's deputy, he was largely responsible for ensuring that many Solidarity activists were placed behind bars.

More recently, he has given speeches, shortly before his election as Prime Minister, in which he has questioned explicitly the value of any form of dialogue with Solidarity.

The details of the "round table talks" have still to be completed, but at the heart of any discussions remains the issue of Solidarity's status.

For Mr Lech Walesa, the leader of the outlawed union,

the legality of Solidarity is the key issue in the talks although he admits, with other leaders of the union, that the clock cannot be turned back to 1980.

But along with other Solidarity activists he is convinced that unless the union is allowed to perform some role in running the country, there will be little chance of the consensus emerging which is so vital for Poland's economic development.

Within the next month Mr Rakowski is expected to host a visit to Poland by Mrs Thatcher.

Both the Prime Minister and Mr Rakowski realize that there is much to be gained from the visit. Solidarity's trump card may well be the knowledge that the Polish Government, whatever its attitude towards Solidarity, is reluctant to postpone the visit again and may therefore avoid any outright confrontation.

But as Mr Jacek Kuron, one of Poland's veteran dissidents, said after the latest wave of strikes ended: "Of one thing everyone can be sure: without agreement these strikes will begin again throughout Poland."

It is becoming clear, though, that Mr Rakowski is showing every sign of facing this possibility squarely.

It has been apparent over the last few weeks that the security forces, in particular the despised riot police units known as the *Zomo*, have been making the necessary preparations for coping with a new wave of strikes.

The water cannon which were used on the streets of Gdansk on Sunday were not present in that city during two demonstrations by Solidarity supporters, also watched by riot police, last month.

ANC's South African rugby deal

White hardliners set to make sport a poll issue

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The talks between the outlawed African National Congress and South Africa's white rugby boss, Dr Danie Craven, in Harare last weekend, look set to become an important political issue in the run-up to nationwide elections to racially segregated municipal councils on October 26.

Dr Andries Treurnicht, the leader of the far-right Conservative Party, which expects to win control of many white town councils in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, called the talks "a degrading spectacle", and castigated the Government for its "laxity" in failing to take action against Dr Craven.

So far there has been no official comment from the Government. Pretoria has usually been quick to condemn liberal academics and others who have met exiled leaders of the ANC.

"It is bad enough that Dr Craven wants to force our rugby into full (racial) integration on all levels and, in doing so, force his politics on sport," Dr Treurnicht declared.

"It is even worse to give the ANC, with its communist control, a say in or control over the way we play and administer sport."

"The time has come for our sportsmen and sporting bodies to state clearly that these actions by Dr Craven, who is obsessed with sports integration, are totally unacceptable to South Africans. We are not prepared to pay the price offered by Dr Craven in return for the dubious possibility of competing internationally."

Undeterred by the storm that seemed to be gathering above his head, Dr Craven, aged 78, who has been president of the South African Rugby Board for 32 years, said yesterday in Stellenbosch that he hoped to establish a single, non-racial, controlling body for rugby in the new year.

The SARB is nominally a multi-racial body. But in practice it has not been able to operate as such because it has been ostracized for many years by most black, Coloured

(mixed-race) and Indian rugby players, who belong to the rival "non-racial" South African Rugby Union, led by Mr Ebrahim Patel.

Mr Patel's SARU is an affiliate of the South African Council on Sport, the body which leads the campaign for an international boycott of South African sport and which coined the slogan "No normal sport in an abnormal society". Only last week it denounced all talk of a merger of the SARB and the SARU.

Yet a merger is exactly what Dr Craven and Mr Patel agreed to work for at the ANC-mediated talks in Harare three days later. For its part, the ANC has promised to "use its good offices" to help South African rugby, under the leadership of such a merged body, to regain its "rightful place" in the world game.

The last important international tour by an official South African rugby side was in August, 1981, when the Springboks visited New Zealand.

Rugby is the most popular sport among Afrikaner whites, the group to which almost all members of the Government belong.

Hitherto the ANC has taken the view that the international boycott of South African sport should be relaxed only after the abolition of all apartheid laws.

Now it seems to be saying



Mr Thabo Mbeki: Voiced ANC support for initiative.

that those sports administrators who have proved their anti-apartheid credentials and are prepared to talk to the ANC should be rewarded.

The man most involved in negotiating the new deal with Dr Craven is Mr Thabo Mbeki, aged 46, the ANC's director of publicity and information. He is the son of Mr Govan Mbeki, a leading associate of Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader. Mr Mbeki, senior, was released from jail last November but was soon placed under restriction.

His son has led the ANC campaign to isolate the Government by establishing contacts with white groups in South Africa. His influence was seen behind a recent ANC statement dissociating the organization from some indiscriminate bombing attacks.

But Mr Mbeki, junior, would not have been able to pursue negotiations with Dr Craven without the backing of the ANC leadership. It is significant that among those present at the Harare talks was Mr Steve Tshwete, who until recently held a senior position in *Umkhonto we Sizwe* (Spear of the Nation), the ANC's armed wing.

Dr Craven, who captained the Springboks in the 1930s, is still remembered as the man who said, 12 years ago, that a black man would wear the Springbok jersey "only over my dead body".

Although an Afrikaner by upbringing, he is fond of recalling that his grandfather was a Yorkshireman who settled in South Africa and married an Afrikaner girl.

An even more improbable figure behind the approach to the ANC is Mr Louis Luyt, the president of the Transvaal Rugby Football Union, who is tipped to succeed Dr Craven at the SARB. Now a millionaire Afrikaner businessman, Mr Luyt conducted the preliminary, secret discussions with Mr Mbeki in London and Frankfurt earlier this year.

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'Maintain boycott' plea

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Anti-Apartheid Movement yesterday called for the sports boycott of South Africa to continue in spite of an agreement between the ANC and the South African Rugby Board for rugby in South Africa to be organized on non-racial principles.

A statement issued in London after a lengthy meeting to consider the implications said that the ban should be maintained until it became clear that the agreement formed part of the ultimate dismantling of apartheid.

Mr Robert Hughes, MP, chairman of the movement,

said that reports of the meeting in Harare at the weekend had been closely studied. "Nothing in these reports justifies the speculation that there is to be a major re-appraisal of the sports boycott," he said.

He said that the disbanding of a racist rugby organization and the creation of a non-racial rugby body are potentially significant developments but do not in themselves create the conditions for non-racial rugby in South Africa.

He said that there was a long-established consensus within the UN, the Commonwealth and anti-apartheid bodies that the sports boycott

should be maintained until apartheid was eliminated.

But the Foreign Office welcomed the reports and said it would look closely at the details of the agreement.

"If it turns out to be true it seems to be a useful step in the right direction," one official said.

The Foreign Office emphasized that it stood by the 1977 Gleneagles Agreement, under which Commonwealth countries agreed to do all they could to discourage sporting contacts with South Africa.

"It is premature to say whether the agreement will need to be amended in any way," an official said.

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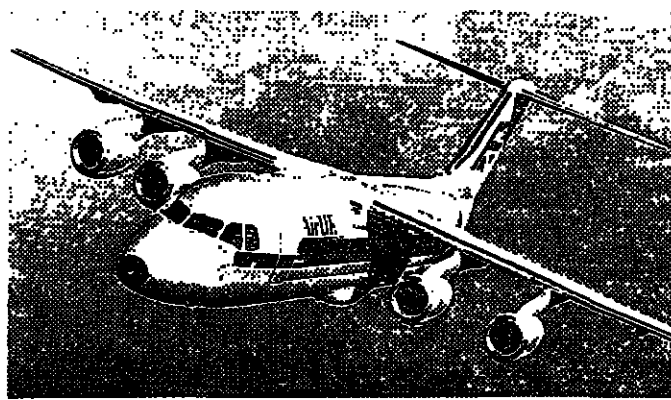
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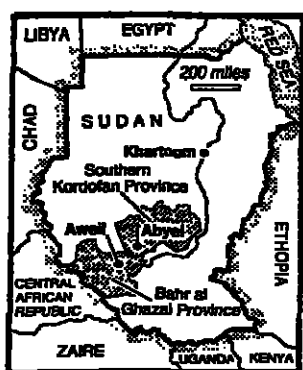


Infants main victims as hunger and disease grip southern Sudan

By Anne McElvoy

Hundreds of displaced Sudanese are dying of hunger and disease every day in areas of southern Sudan disrupted by guerrilla war, according to new reports from the region. In the area around the town of Abyei, in southern Kordofan province, 8,000 people have died since June. An aid worker from Concern, the Irish charity, who returned last week said that the infant population had been wiped out and communities were "psychologically devastated".

The situation in southern Kordofan as a whole is described by Oxfam workers as "appalling". The town's young men are all missing because they have headed towards Ethiopia leaving the elderly with no support. "The starvation statistics are no longer as horrifying as last month," said Concern's field worker, Father Aeneas Finca, "but only because the weakest have died." Abyei is marooned by flooding and received its first relief flight in three months last weekend. Sudan has long been visited by the triple curses of flood, famine and war. What makes the problem of the south so acute is that the affected areas are also militarily sensitive. Unicef was told last week that it must stop distributing food in areas controlled by the



rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army and the International Committee of the Red Cross has failed to secure a promise of safe passage in the war-torn areas to enable it

to provide an emergency airlift of food and medical supplies.

The Khartoum Government can no longer afford to ignore the displaced, many of whom are sitting, quite literally, on its doorstep. Some 1.5 million refugees from the civil war have flooded into the capital since the conflict began. Now that the rains have stopped, many more are on their way.

A new draft policy produced by the Government last month promises national unity and declares that the people of the south are Sudanese nationals. It also admits for the first time the Government's duty to provide them

with food, some shelter and health care.

Whatever the domestic motivation, the document is good news for relief organizations whose work depends on governmental goodwill. Mr John McGrath, of Oxfam, calls it "a potential breakthrough because it sets a whole new tone to the Government's effort".

The inspiration for the proposed new measures is thought to come from southern Darfur, where rare co-operation between the indigenous Arabs, southern settlers and local authorities has prevented mass starvation. There are some 16,000 settlers in seven camps. Save

the Children workers have carried out their planned inoculation programme here without the hindrance of hostility between local groups.

Aid workers in southern Kordofan and Bahr al-Ghazal tell a very different story. Just 30 miles away in Awel there are 8,000 dead, among them 296 children of policemen. According to Dr Pacifico Lado Lokik, who returned from the camp to Khartoum last week, this indicates a worsening of conditions in the south.

"The police can grab any food because they have the guns. If they have the guns and they have no food, it means there is nothing to have." The ancient enmity between

the Dinka people of the south and the Arabic Sudanese has been exacerbated this year by flooding which destroyed swathes of grazing land. The Government's flirtation with Islamic fundamentalism has also sharpened tension between the two groups.

Khartoum is unlikely to find that its new readiness to help the displaced peoples of the south meets with approval in the southern provinces.

Already Western relief organizations are calling for careful monitoring to ensure that the resettlement programme does not harbour a hidden agenda to weaken the south by depopulating it. The roots of famine and war are

once again inseparably linked. ● KHARTOUM: Thirty plane loads of supplies have been flown into the famine-stricken areas of the south during the past week, the national aid committee said (AFP reports).

It said the recent operation, carried out with help from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), aimed to save the lives of displaced persons around Abyei.

Hercules C-130 transporters flew supplies into Kadugli, 370 miles south-west of the capital, and then Cessna light aircraft were used to take the aid on to Abyei, 140 miles further south.

Pressure on Rocard grows amid wave of labour unrest

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

Spare a thought for M Michel Rocard as he begins his most testing week in power since becoming Prime Minister less than six months ago.

The wave of labour unrest in the French public sector is gathering strength before his eyes. This morning he is confronted with a nationwide "day of action" — effectively a strike — organized by the Communist-controlled Confédération Générale du Travail union. On Thursday, there will be more of the same, this time under the aegis of half a dozen other union groups.

Meanwhile, the nurses and other hospital staff who have been demonstrating in their thousands for big pay rises and improved conditions have firmly rejected the latest offer from M Rocard's Government. And the capital's disgruntled railway workers continue to make life miserable for suburban commuters (Lyons got a taste of the same thing yesterday with buses off the road as well).

Throw in the imminent disruptions to the national rail network, a simmering dispute with the prison warders and labour troubles in one of Renault's biggest plants, the postal service and the schools and you can understand why M Rocard is looking more serious than ever.

Not surprisingly, the Communist Party has accepted a golden opportunity to redeem its poor showing in recent elections with the striking classes. In a fiery speech, its veteran secretary-general, M Georges Marchais, promised blanket support for each and any action against "the politics of austerity". But if the

Communists are conforming to type, there can be no doubt that M Rocard and his Government are now confronted by a genuine and deep-seated sense of frustration — increasing resentment — at the failure to deliver on election promises concerning pay and working conditions.

The head of one of the civil service unions, mostly representing minor functionaries, put his finger on it when he observed that not only were written election pledges still unfulfilled but "there is a growing imbalance between the fall in our own purchasing power and the big increases enjoyed by certain professions".

The Prime Minister came close to acknowledging this trend (well-documented in government statistics) during an interview at the weekend: "We are the last to deny that there is still much injustice and much dissatisfaction in France." The main problem, he said, was the economy, doing better certainly, but still fragile. Out in the hard world, M Rocard observed, competition is tougher than ever.

Even if the nurses back off, accept something less costly than the 15,000 million franc (about £1,500 million) pack-

age they are now demanding, what about those still waiting in the wings with hefty claims? What about the railway workers, apparently in the process of reconstructing the impressively tight-knit strike committees that helped them through the long and bitter pay dispute at the end of 1986?

After that particular winter of discontent the popularity of the then Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, slumped dramatically. Today, M Rocard governs without a working majority in the National Assembly, dependent in a crunch on support from the Communists and/or whichever deputies can safely be counted in the ill-defined centrist camp.

It goes without saying that right-wing conservatives are greatly enjoying the sight of poor M Rocard, barking through a sea of troubles to which the financial and economic policies followed by the previous administration has undoubtedly contributed. There are those, and not just on the right, who will also tell you that some of the Prime Minister's close colleagues who entertain ambitions for the job are not exactly sorry to watch him struggling.

Then there is President Mitterrand, who has just broken a long silence on the gathering crisis to announce his "total confidence" in the Government and its ministers. Everything he says in circumstances like this is carefully considered, and some observers — perhaps including M Rocard — might conclude that the great manipulator prefers to keep these particular problems very much at arm's length.

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Corsican truce threat

Bordeaux (Reuters) — The trial which began here yesterday of two Corsicans, M Felix Tomasi and M Charles Pieri, on charges of murder arising out of an attack on an army camp in 1982, could re-ignite separatist guerrilla passions and end the uneasy truce they declared as a gesture of goodwill towards France's recently elected Socialist Government.

The truce, introduced on June 1 by the Corsican National Liberation Front, responsible for dozens of killings and hundreds of bomb attacks since the early 1970s, came within two weeks of the new Government taking office in May. The front said it wanted M Michel Rocard, the Prime Minister, to have a chance to find a political solution to Corsica's problems.

Gunman killed in Korea siege drama



Chi Kang Hym, one of the last of 12 South Korean escaped prisoners who had been on the run since October 8, holding a gun to his head while dragging along a hostage during a police siege of his hideout in Seoul, the capital. Chi, who had slashed himself as security forces closed in, was shot when the house was stormed by commandos. A police statement said that he died later in hospital, but gave no further details. His hostage was said to have been unhurt.

China crackdown on corruption

Trader is stripped of key assets

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

In its fight against corruption in foreign trade, the Chinese Government has made its first important move to prove that the campaign has teeth.

It announced that the state-owned Kanghua Development Corporation must drastically reduce its operations, divest itself of more than a hundred subsidiaries, close its Hong Kong offices, and split from the Welfare Fund for the Handicapped, which is headed by Mr Deng Pu-fang, the crippled son of Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader.

The Kanghua Development Corporation exercised influence out of proportion to its economic strength, and it was "very necessary" that it be stripped of many of its powers, the announcement, in Saturday's official *People's Daily*, said. This was as near as the Government came to an outright allegation of corruption in the company, which

has rapidly expanded and diversified since it was set up four years ago.

The newspaper article made no mention of Mr Deng Pu-fang, but made much of the fact that the Central Committee and the State Council had ordered Kanghua to stop raising cash for the

Peking (Reuters) — China's elder statesman, Mr Deng Xiaoping, said yesterday that a Sino-Soviet summit could take place in 1989. The use of "could" cleared up the confusion caused last week when he said it would go ahead.

fund, and instructed that it cease to receive the tax concessions it had enjoyed through its links with the fund.

Mr Deng's role in the fund is common knowledge, and the implication that he may have been involved, however indirectly, in less than proper

dealings will not escape many Chinese, who complain that high-ranking officials and the families of leaders are consistently allowed to get away with corruption.

No suggestion was made that any individual, either in the fund or the company, would be punished. But the company as a whole is supposed to put its house in order by the end of November. It will no longer be able to pursue its lucrative import-export trade unless the project is specifically approved by the State Council. Its activities as an agent have also been curtailed.

It is widely rumoured that Kanghua was engaged in profiteering, using its privileges to acquire imports and materials in short supply, and then reselling them at high prices on the free market.

The Hong Kong office is to close as soon as it has dealt with outstanding contracts,

and the company's 113 third-level subsidiaries are to split from the parent firm. They in turn will be investigated and may be told to close.

As for the 58 second-level regional and specialist subsidiaries, only one office will be allowed in each city.

The crackdown on Kanghua's activities came as part of a wider investigation and "rectification" of corruption and incompetence in foreign trade. It promises to be the first of a series of attacks on the operations of prominent state-owned companies.

The campaign against corruption in foreign trade is part of a nationwide clampdown on corruption.

Last Friday, nine government officials, including managers of state-run enterprises and bank and Customs officials, were convicted of embezzlement, taking bribes, forgery and car-smuggling in Guangdong Province.

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BRITISH MIDLAND

Kremlin tackles health

Moscow (AFP) — The first congress of Soviet doctors to be held in 63 years opened in the Kremlin yesterday, in the presence of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, to discuss upgrading the country's public health service.

Tass said that the congress would discuss the transfer to a new system of management and financing, and also aim to increase the efficiency of preventive medicine.

More than 4,000 foreign representatives attended from 12 countries, including the World Health Organization's director, Mr Hiroshi Nakazima, and Dr Bernard Lown, the US co-chairman of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Rebels killed

Manila (AP) — Philippine warplanes bombed a suspected communist rebel stronghold at Gass, in the central island of Leyte, killing at least 20 guerrillas.

Nordic effort

Oso (Reuters) — Norway has raised 87 million crowns (£7.7 million) for the world's refugees in a one-day national fund-raising campaign in the streets and on television.

Burma call-up

Rangoon (Reuters) — Burma's Army said yesterday that it had rounded up more than 1,000 people from the streets of Rangoon and sent them to work as porters for troops fighting ethnic guerrillas.

Adviser quits

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SPECTRUM

When Snoopy shot himself

When Michael Dukakis rolled into the Presidential battle making machine gun noises from the turret of a tank, it was a media disaster. Charles Bremner considers a campaign in which the issues have been overwhelmed by the images and asks 'is it too late for the Democrats to save their man?'

If Michael Dukakis suffers the rout that appears to be in store for him, future historians will be able to define one moment that encapsulated the seeds of his defeat.

It was a sunny autumn afternoon in Michigan, another day on the numbing trail of flights, motorcades and bland hotels. It was also the day that the Democrats' image-makers planned to halt the successful drive by George Bush's camp to paint Dukakis as unpatriotic and soft. And they were going to do it by playing the Bush game of image-making—they had devised, they thought, the perfect photo-opportunity.

If George Bush could beat the wimp factor by posing as the tough sheriff in his slick commercials, all they had to do was play the same game and they could close the "Zap gap". It did not work.

Skiping, the Boeing 737 that has become almost a flying home for Dukakis, deposited him and his retinue of advisers, Secret Service guards, reporters and television crews at a little local airport. After a drive through sealed-off highways to the General Dynamics factory at Pontiac, the cameras and reporters were stationed on a platform at the side of a field.

A few minutes later, the doors rumbled open, an evil-looking M-1 battle-tank roared out on to the grass belching blue smoke... and the media men collapsed in laughter. There, perched in the turret wearing a tank suit and an oversized helmet, was Dukakis. As the tank tore across the field towards the camera, the diminutive Democrat swung the turret machine-gun towards the cameras, beamed sheepishly, and through clenched teeth spat out something that seemed to be "rat-a-tat-tat" as the tank thundered by.

That moment fixed an image of Dukakis that has stuck with him to the end. While his aides had hoped to hit the all-important

network news that night with a martial cameo, they landed a deluge of ridicule. On ABC News Sam Donaldson, the star reporter, relished the fun. "Who is this?" Donaldson asked. "Is it General Abrahams? Is it General Patton? No," he said, as the camera zoomed in to the Snoopy-like figure on top of the speeding tank. "It is the governor of Massachusetts."

Why was it, the Dukakis team wondered, that Bush could undertake the most shameless antics—posing with macho military hardware, stealing sound bites from *Dirty Harry* such as "Read my lips," and even visiting a flag factory to drape himself in Old Glory, while the Democrats' best efforts were collapsing in ridicule?

The answer provides the key to Bush's expected victory—superior image-management. In a race between two colourless candidates and in the absence of any burning issues, the campaign has been waged on an electronic battlefield. The strategic questions are: which side produces the best telegraphic images, and who produces the best mix of campaign reality—the combination of commercials, or "paid media" in the jargon, and news bites, or "free media".

John Buckley, a consultant who advises CBS news, says: "This is the first election in which it is accepted as absolute gospel by both sides that what you need to do is create both a message and a venue for the message that communicates itself on television." A corollary of the gospel, of course, is that creating a negative image of your opponent works best, hence the musing that has smothered the campaign. Indeed, so electronic have things become that the press is writing almost as much about how the candidates are playing on television as about what they are saying.

Even the two debates have followed a stilted, heavily scripted format. That has been fine for the



Which image will be the winner on the evening television shows? Bush does his imitation of Dirty Harry for the cameras, while Dukakis grins sheepishly from the turret of a tank



Republicans, but a source of anguish to Democrats. Reeling from his debacle in last Thursday's debate, Dukakis abandoned the handlers' advice, strolled back to the reporters in Skiping, and diagnosed his failure—America still doesn't know who he is. "I think this is a good time to see if I can't help people get a better sense of who Mike Dukakis is, what I am personally and what I care about," he said. Given that he has been campaigning for two years and is spending about \$70 million on television commercials alone, it was a strange comment, but accurate.

"Who are these guys?" asked the newspaper *USA Today* last week, voicing something you can hear in the bus-stops, bars and work-places around America. "Rarely have two candidates been so little liked by so many. They must spend less of their time in the shadow of their handlers and more of their time in public view."

It is accepted that Bush owes his lead largely to his pugnacious young manager Lee Atwater, his chairman Jim Baker and, above

all, to Roger Ailes, the "media wizard" as he is always described, who helped package Nixon in 1968 and helped paint Reagan's soft-focus "Morning in America" in 1984.

It was Ailes who identified the "hot button issues" that have demonized Dukakis to the Southern Democrats and the swing voters everywhere who feel sympathetic to Democratic traditions but are fearful of "liberals".

Ailes hit the jackpot by taking two obscure and distant events in Dukakis's record—a decision to veto a controversial local law about pledging allegiance to the flag in Massachusetts schools, and a weekend leave programme for prisoners that was started by a Republican predecessor. For weeks, Bush and his commercials cast Dukakis as little less than a tax-worshipping, criminal-loving, friend of homosexuals who plans to give away the American nuclear armory. It was crude, but it worked.

At the same time, Ailes and his men have managed to promote

Bush as a dual personality without any loss of credibility. He can, at the same time, appear as Dirty Harry the enforcer—his Texas persona—while also coming over as Bush the wistful advocate of a "kinder, gentler nation". With those "gentle" lines, the work of Peggy Noonan, the poetic Reagan writer, the Republicans play the hottest button of the campaign—likeability. "One of us," Bush says humbly to the camera, "will be a regular guest in your home most nights for the next four years." Across America millions shudder at the idea of a nightly visit from Dukakis the tax inspector.

However, Ailes overreached himself with one decision. He is widely credited as being the man who persuaded Bush against the advice of most others to choose Senator Dan Quayle as running mate. Telegraphic and lightweight, Quayle was the ideal hollow mould for the image-makers' art. It was also something Quayle himself recognized, according to a devastating new profile by Gail

Sheehy, the leading biographer of this year's campaign personalities.

A university friend described to Sheehy how Quayle reacted when they watched Robert Redford's *The Candidate*, the film about the making of a telegraphic politician. The student Quayle, according to his friend, concluded that he was more handsome than Redford and that with skilled packaging, he could go far in politics. The Quayle choice backfired and has turned into an embarrassment that is one of several signs that the public has had enough of the image-makers. Last week, Quayle announced he was breaking free from his handlers.

Until John Sasso, the manager exiled for producing the "attack-video" that exposed Senator Biden's plagiarism of Neil Kinnock, stepped back into the race as Dukakis's chief strategist in September, the inexperienced Democratic team were wildly outclassed by Bush's men. They are not helped, of course, by their candidate's occasional decisions to ignore their advice, as he did in the last debate. They told him to

come out emotional and self-mocking. He came over dry and subdued.

And in the vital business of television commercials, the glossy spots that America digests with its sit-coms and cop shows, the Dukakis effort has been a disaster. While Bush has used the same Madison Avenue team that produced Reagan's lavish 1984 spots, the Democrats have chopped and changed. Their biggest error was to stake millions on a series that played an inside joke by purporting to show Bush's handlers as sleazy cynics sitting in a smoke-filled room plotting how to package their man. Richard Nixon uttered their epitaph of the packaging adverts at the weekend. "Dukakis should file a malpractice suit against his ad agency," he said. "They look as if they had been produced by Roger Ailes." This week, with his back to the wall, Dukakis launched a new series of commercials in which he abandons slickness in favour of a direct appeal to the camera, saying essentially: "Vote for me."

It is, perhaps, tens of millions of dollars too late.

Colleagues of Clive Jenkins, the veteran Welsh trade unionist, who is off to Tasmania to work in conservation, should not assume that he is entering a political wilderness. For few campaigners have achieved as much as Tasmanians in shifting government thinking on environmental matters.

The Wilderness Society, which will employ Jenkins, is credited with moving national opinion against the defeated Liberal government in 1983. The society was set up in the early 1980s by a Tasmanian physician, Dr Bob Brown, now a politician in Canberra, to campaign against state plans to dam the Franklin Valley below the Gordon River.

The campaign attracted international publicity and the support of British conservationist Dr David Bellamy who went to prison briefly in Tasmania for taking part in direct action. The dam project was halted by the incoming Labour government of Bob Hawke.

Since then the Wilderness

Voice in the wilderness

Why trade union leader Clive Jenkins is off to the land of devils and fairies

Society, with its sharply efficient style of campaigning, has expanded beyond Tasmania, demonstrating to conservationists that they can influence the political process and bring about major environmental decisions. It has branches and full-time offices in Victoria and Northern Territory.

But Jenkins should find no shortage of issues to challenge his organizational and manipulative skills in Tasmania. Much of the south-west of the island is still largely wilderness with some of the largest areas of cool, temperate rain forests on the globe. But this

ragged country is still suffering some of the most serious damage to primeval forests in the developed world.

Tasmania is remarkable because of its isolation. The absence of foxes and dingoes has allowed a number of small marsupials unique to the island to survive, such as the quoll and the tiger cat. The Tasmanian Devil, about the size of a dog, has special protection, running through towns and rummaging through bins.

Jenkins might find himself promoting the fairy penguin, in decline in the Bass Strait because, scientists believe, the

fish it eats are being taken by local fishermen. But a man of Jenkins's eloquence would find better employment in persuading politicians to halt the continuing destruction of Tasmania's forests.

Film-maker David Parer of the Australian Broadcasting Commission Wildlife Unit, who recently filmed on the island, described the Tasmanian timber industry in the ancient forests as "rapacious and uncontrolled".

He said large areas of primeval woodland were being cleared for wood chipping, where the entire tree is pulped for chip board. "It is extremely destructive and it leaves mountainsides totally exposed to erosion in a high rainfall area."

"We hear so much about the excesses in the Brazilian rain forests, but these beautiful and ancient trees are still being destroyed in a first world country where the local economy doesn't need it. It is a scandal."

Gareth Huw Davies

Liberties with the liberal

"Liberal" has become a swear-word. In the American election it is used to mean a wimpish, unpatriotic comic hastyard. In this country some Liberals now prefer to call themselves Democrats. All men (and women) of good sense (or at any rate fashionable views) agree that liberals are wet, professional, bleeding-heart, winging, pinko, parlor, screaming, double-domed, limousine, champagne, knee-jerk, and hypocritical. Let us have nothing to do with them. But let us see what has happened to the word. Words pejorative as leaves fall from the chestnut trees in Kensington Gardens.

Liberal started life in Latin to mean a free man as opposed to a slave. For social and snobbish reasons, liberal rapidly came to mean the sort of behaviour you could expect (or a liberal would expect) from a free man: i.e. gentlemanly, ladylike, noble, handsome, generous, magnanimous, decent, and so on. In a significant development, liberal arts very early came to mean the useless studies fit for a gent: i.e. philosophy and the humanities and other such elitist rubbish that cannot pay

its way in Thatcherite terms, as opposed to banalistic pursuits that make money, such as stock-broking, running wine bars, horse-racing, and brick-laying.

As early as 1422 we find it in English used to describe such independent, worthless activities: "Liberal Sciences, fine sciences, as grammar, art, fisike, astronomy, and others."

The word has always been a Janus, with the freedom and generosity ("in giffage liberal", 1387) fighting against the sense of unrestrained licence. Freedom becomes anarchy. It depends upon where you are standing. It came close to meaning licentious. For instance, here is Shakespeare, that liberal old Proteus, in *Much Ado About Nothing*: "Who hath indeed most like a liberal villain/ Confessed the vile encounters they have

NEW WORDS FOR OLD

Another Liberal Cartoon... no teeth and no private parts.



had." With an ending of monarchies and slavery, liberal shifted context. It was used by Gibbon to mean open-minded, and thence unorthodox as in "liberal opinions". The word became party politicized, as in 1801: "The extinction of every vestige of freedom, and of every liberal idea with which they are associated." A periodical called *The Liberal* was founded in 1827. The shabby British reactionaries disparaged it by giving it a nasty foreign flavour (as they still do), by referring to the Ultras and Liberals of Paris, the Liberals and the Liberaux. The label was used as a nickname for advanced Whigs and Radicals by their opponents. And as the 19th century went on, advocates of reform adopted Liberal with its generous pro-sense as their label;

and the two opposing parties in British politics started to call themselves Liberals and Conservatives instead of Whigs and Tories.

In the United States the word was pulled in a tug-of-war between right and left, as it had been in Europe. George Washington used it to describe somebody who would not deprive Jews and Roman Catholics of their rights in the brave new democracy. Franklin D. Roosevelt defined it as "Say that civilization is a tree which, as it grows, continually produces the rot and dead wood. The radical says: 'Cut it down.' The conservative says: 'Don't touch it.' The liberal says: 'Let's prune so that we lose neither the old trunk nor the new branches.'"

Marxists criticize liberals for being sentimental and lacking rigour in their logic. Conservatives hate liberals for (they claim) disingenuously pretending to be unselfish, high-minded, and generous. With enemies like those, we must have something going for us. I think there is life in liberty yet and worthy work for the grand old word.

Philip Howard

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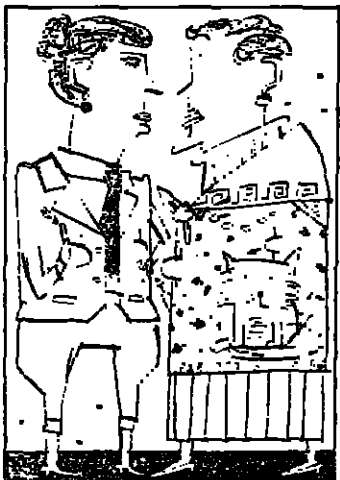
Westminster Hall's venerable timbers witnessed a remarkable event last Friday, when a galaxy of personages distinct assembled in the Grand Committee Room for a broadcast to celebrate the 40th anniversary of *Any Questions*. We owed the venue to the good offices of John Wakeham, the Leader of the House, who had reassured doubters that a further application was unlikely to be received for another 40 years! The Speaker held a splendid reception in his state rooms, and Lord Hailsham stole the show with a conundrum on loyalty from the floor.

Any Questions deserves this singular treatment — it has become a great national institution. At the height of the popularity of sound broadcasting it achieved an audience of 15 million, and today still attracts more than two million, the most listened to programme of Radio 4, with the exception of *Today*. Like a good hotel, it manages to retain its staff: its producers, the benevolent Michael Bowen and the sparkling Carol Stone, notch up 30 years between them. The secret of *Any Questions* success is that it both instructs and entertains. *Ad plurimumque animos*.

We all have our special memories of the programme. Mine centres on Nantyglo, in South Wales, during a session after the first election of 1974. Enoch Powell was dilating on the glories of elections and I was imprudent enough to say that he would not be so keen on them but for the fact that he had not fought the last one. "Fought it," he exploded. "I won it." Poor me; poor Mr Edward Heath. Then he — fluency can be fatal — added in a question on secret ambitions that his was "the unfulfilled but not ignoble one to lead the Tory party." "There are," I observed, "worse things than an electoral defeat." And with that we went off the air.

On Sunday night I watched with fascination the profile of Pope John Paul put on by *Everyman* to commemorate the tenth anniversary of his election. It included an "interview," but papal interviews have their limitations. First of all they are almost impossible to get. On seeking the counsel of Cardinal Hume as to how to obtain one, I received the president but not, in my case, very helpful advice: "Bring a baby." Eventually I was granted an interview for the film I made for the BBC, shown the night before the papal visit to Britain in May 1982. There was, unfortunately, one mildly inhibiting condition — I was not allowed to ask any questions. But I then recalled that His Holiness had been trained as an actor, and actors need no questions but cues. Accordingly, I turned all my interrogatives into statements, and the result was startling. Papal eloquence flowed, and continued, despite the furious background protests of a monsignor with a face as purple as his robes, crying repeatedly "E una intervista!" — "It is an interview." Afterwards, he treated me with all the enthusiasm reserved for a germ in a maternity ward, but I didn't mind. His Holiness was in the bag, or rather on the tape.

BARRY FANTONI



'This British Coal sell-off — some people are sure to keep their shares in the bath'

I have received my own call to deliver the University sermon next month. A missive setting out the arrangements has arrived from an official with the endearing title *Summoner of Preachers*. The sermon was originally designed to point out the faults and sins of the Hebdomadal Council, but latter-day preachers have tactfully preferred more general topics. The sermon is delivered from the same pulpit from which Newman gave his celebrated addresses. The scene has been preserved for ever in Matthew Arnold's evocative words: "Who could resist the charm of that spiritual apparition, gliding in the dim afternoon light through the aisles of St Mary's, rising into the pulpit, breaking the silence with words and thoughts which were a religious music, subtle, sweet, mournful."

For me it is a matter of modern mourning that Clive Jenkins, the brightest star in the trade union firmament, has taken early retirement and to devote himself to environmental causes. I once described him at a Trade Union Congress as an "orchid among a field of turnips." I hope this has not contributed to his early departure, a loss for British trade unionism when it needs some light and inspiration, even if it is an uncovenanted gain for the greens.

The Yugoslav political elite is now struggling with the demon of mob rule that the Serbian leader, Slobodan Milosevic, so carelessly released from its container. Chanting crowds, goaded to the limit by the highest inflation rate in Europe, rising unemployment and no prospect of improvement, threaten whatever is left of an orderly political process in Belgrade. The spectre of ochlocracy — mob rule — haunts not only Yugoslavia, but several other East European countries.

The collapse of the leadership in Serbia's autonomous province, Vojvodina, earlier this month is potentially one of the most significant events in the history of communist rule. The spectacle of a communist establishment being chased away by the anger of the masses is ominous for political leaders throughout the area.

The Vojvodina leadership was no better and not much worse than others. Untainted by the slightest hint of openness or liberality, it believed that its heavy-handed approach would act as a clear limit to popular anger and aspirations.

Yet when faced with a massive demonstration outside the rather ugly provincial government building in Novi Sad, the leadership suddenly woke up to its own

George Schöpflin sees a precedent in the Serbian protests

Communism v the masses

weakness and unpopularity. That may have been the key moment. Its confidence in its own right to rule evaporated. This is the real danger of allowing the crowd to coalesce in one-party states like those in Eastern Europe, not to mention other parts of the world such as Algeria or Burma. In communist systems, the party once upon a time based its legitimacy on the proposition that it was building a perfect society. That claim vanished long ago and both rulers and ruled know it. This left the rulers with the problem of alternatives. One by one they have tried them and failed.

Milosevic's chosen instrument, charismatic rule, is unlikely to work because it is based on Serbian nationalism. That will not appeal to non-Serbs and, even worse, promises more than it can deliver. The nationalist message appeals to the emotions, but cannot really satisfy economic demands. Ceausescu, in Romania, has tried the same

road and has created a political, economic and social desert. Indeed, Ceausescu's most amazing feat has been to make Gorbachev the most popular communist leader among the traditionally anti-Russian Romanians.

The truth is that communist leaders in Eastern Europe have largely run out of political resources. They cannot justify their rule by referring to the respect for tradition, because this was exactly what they promised to destroy in constructing socialism. Nor does the argument that the party is "the most rational ruler" — much favoured in the 1970s — cut any ice with the ruled as economic decay accelerates.

The idea of actually submitting themselves to the electorate, the most effective way of renewing legitimacy ever devised, holds little appeal. The communists know that they would be ejected for good. The precedents of the 1956 Hungarian revolution and Solidarity indicate pre-

cisely that East Europeans have little time for communist rulers. This leaves them basing their rule on power alone, to declare in effect that they rule because they rule and there is no alternative to this. The collapse in Novi Sad shows that even this claim is becoming threadbare.

Matters are made worse because the threat of danger from outside has also receded. In the present climate of East-West relaxation, it is hard to warn off those demanding change by waving the Soviet or Western threat. It convinces no one.

The prospect for any effective way out is not encouraging. The Yugoslavs are resorting to the tired old gambit of the purge — replacing people rather than policies at a time when new ideas are essential. In next-door Hungary, the expectations generated by the removal of Janos Kadar in May are giving way to scepticism as his successor, Karoly Grosz, rejects all serious innovation.

Worse, his fumbling attempt to use nationalism over Hungary's quarrel with Romania has boomeranged. Hungarian hopes were aroused by Grosz's hasty one-day trip to see Ceausescu in August that something could be done for Romania's two million Hungarians. His empty-handed return means that calming Hungarian tempers has become that much more difficult.

Yet it is undeniable that the present leaders constitute the first obstacle to change, so that their political demise is a necessary condition for renewal. The problem is that few potential successors have the authority, self-confidence or will to launch the highly painful process of change that these political systems need.

The old communist establishments may be helpless, but replacing them will be hard. Some guesses as to the shape of the future can, however, be made. Communist ideology is largely dead and the party must

find a new *raison d'être* for itself and for its continued power.

It could try to salvage something from the wreckage by broadening its base at least within the elite. An alliance with other political forces could be sought. These might include the managers of large enterprises, who are increasingly autonomous of party control; the police and secret police, with their far-reaching information networks; the newly-rising private, entrepreneurial sector; and possibly some of the nationalist spokesmen who might be willing to modify their more extreme demands in exchange for direct access to power.

A coalition of this kind would be undemocratic, authoritarian, and would probably profess an anti-egalitarian ideology. But it might be able to sustain the level of self-confidence that political leaders need to broaden its political base in the direction of greater consensus. Otherwise, every time they faced an angry crowd, communist rulers would be reminded of the Novi Sad precedent. And angry crowds are likely to multiply throughout Eastern Europe as the standard of living erodes.

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R.W. Johnson

If Mandela goes free...

An interesting thing to do here at the moment is to ask supporters of the United Democratic Front and African National Congress how they view the persistent reports that President Botha is to release Nelson Mandela unconditionally in early November. "I'll believe it when I see it" is an understandable first response; but this is quickly followed by a strongly negative reaction. Mandela's release would be meaningless, would come too late, would change nothing, one is told; in any case he's ill, he's old, he's gaga, he'll be assassinated. Quite noticeably, the more radical the activist one is talking to, the more negative the reaction.

Some now even assert that the whole ANC tactic of concentrating on Mandela as a personal symbol was a mistake — what about Mandela's fellow-prisoners, such as Walter Sisulu and Kathy Kathrada, let alone the thousands of others in jail and detention? One UDF activist went so far as to tell me that "the movement will determine the conditions under which Mandela can be released", and I had to remind him that Botha alone holds the prison key. Yet these are the very people who have campaigned ceaselessly for his freedom.

There are several reasons for this hesitation. Mandela, as an imprisoned symbol of defiance for over a quarter of a century, has become a sort of icon to a whole generation, an African Christ on his crucifix. For many of the faithful it is extremely disconcerting to think of Mandela, so long deified in endless biography, stepping down from the cross to become an active politician again. There is an uneasy, unspoken, feeling that perhaps Mandela serves the movement better as a symbol (i.e. in jail) than he ever can in the mundane day-to-day world of the rest of us live in.

But most of all there is the fact that Mandela's release would, overnight, transform the political dynamics of the liberation struggle — with consequences that might be hard to control. No one doubts that the ANC enjoys

a historical legitimacy, or that it is the most powerful black political movement, but for those who see it as the leadership (the so-called ANC External Mission under Mandela's second-in-command, Oliver Tambo) has been based in exile in London and, more recently, Lusaka. Despite its remoteness, the External Mission has enjoyed an unchallenged authority within the movement — all else apart, Pretoria has killed or jailed most of those inside the country who might have challenged the dominance of the exiled leadership.

The result is that ANC supporters inside South Africa can easily be tempted into thinking there is little they can do and that in the end salvation will come from outside: one piece of graffiti you sometimes see reads "Free Us, Tambo". Mandela's release could, at a stroke, change all that and shift the ANC's centre of gravity back inside South Africa.

It is possible, of course, that Mandela's health is so poor — he has just had TB — that Botha will release him simply so that he does not die in jail. In that case he would, though free, play almost no role. That seems unlikely: all reports are that his health has largely recovered (he has always been a fitness fanatic). There is also no doubting the man's very considerable intellectual capability — he has read omnivorously in jail, secured further degrees, is widely conversant with international affairs and is the sort of person who gives people Tolstoy for birthday presents.

He modesty, courage, sense of humour and penchant for self-criticism which shine forth from his speeches and letters all suggest a quite exceptional man, one of overwhelming moral stature. If freed he will surely play a role — especially since, now an old man, he has no time to waste.

Mandela will, for a start, want to erase the disastrous image of his wife, Winnie, who is seen as his representative but who, in fact, seems to be out of anyone's control. Winnie repeatedly



makes speeches which flout official ANC policy. A week ago, for example, I heard her speak in favour of terrorist attacks on "soft targets", and she attacked as "gutter journalism" those who dared to expose her extraordinary dealings with the right-wing American businessman Robert Brown. Within her own township Winnie has become very unpopular, and ANC supporters, privately, are deeply embarrassed by her.

Though of course they feel obliged to defend her publicly. It is very noticeable that although Winnie says all sorts of hair-raising things which would land anyone else in jail, the government is quite happy to let her be, no doubt calculating that she is sowing a valuable degree of alarm and dependency in black ranks. More than three weeks ago things reached a point

where Winnie was openly flouting her husband's express instruction that she disband her young thugs known as the Mandela Football Club. Indeed, things have reached such a point that a Mandela Crisis Committee has been set up.

The crisis is Winnie herself, and one of the Committee's functions is, mark this, to ensure communications between Winnie and Nelson — her visit on Saturday to the Cape Town clinic where he is convalescing was their first meeting since mid-August. If Nelson's release means Winnie's relegation to a back seat, there will be audible sighs of relief.

It is possible that the government, on releasing Mandela, will try to place restrictions on him — preventing him from moving around the country, speaking at rallies and so on. He would

ignore them and dare the government to put him back in jail. (Botha's claim that Mandela is now co-operating with the government is a fiction meant to reassure right-wing whites.) Equally, the government may be hoping that it can defuse Mandela's symbolic power by allowing him to speak, but ignoring him, so that he hangs on and on to no effect. That would not work: Mandela would attract huge crowds and the excitement and momentum he built up would quickly become a force of its own. In that heady climate Mandela's assassination would be an ever-present possibility.

In that case, whoever the assassin might be, the government would be blamed, which means that it would probably want to surround Mandela with security police — which he would resist.

A freed Mandela would doubtless set his sights on a speedy negotiation of majority rule, and to that end would hope to muster international support and the maximum degree of black unity within South Africa. His first demands would have to be the unbanning of the ANC and other black organisations, the release of all other political prisoners, and the return home of ANC exiles. Pretoria might make some gestures, but it would want the *quid pro quo* of the calling off of all ANC military action.

As for the exiles, Pretoria would either ignore the call for their return completely or allow back only those it regarded as African nationalists, leaving the communists in exile. If — and it is a very big if — Pretoria then offered negotiation it could hope to drive a wedge between Mandela and the External Mission.

Even before that, though, Mandela would cross a Rubicon when he called for African unity. From prison he has repeatedly made it clear that "both Tambo and Buthelezi are my brothers". It would, of course, be sound strategy to face the government with a wall of African unanimity behind him, and there is no doubt that Buthelezi, the moderate Zulu leader, would rally to the call. But because of the deep antagonism towards Buthelezi in many parts of the UDF and also among the ANC exiles, many would find it impossible to follow Mandela down that road: the very call for unity would thus produce disunity. It is the consciousness of this Rubicon just ahead which makes so many UDF supporters nervous of Mandela's release now.

A freed Mandela would thus face a sea of troubles as well as a torrent of acclaim. He would undoubtedly come under almost intolerable pressure from all sides, which is hardly what one would recommend for a 70-year-old man recovering from TB. But few men have shown such fortitude and moral strength for so long as Mandela already has. The chance exists that he could surprise us all again.

Commentary • WOODROW WYATT

Conference contrasts

A party may have the most attractive policies on offer, but it is hampered in getting elected if the public feels, however vaguely, that its leaders lack experience and proven ability. Of the four party conferences the Conservatives were miles ahead of the others in demonstrating that they know how to govern, and have been doing it successfully. Mrs Thatcher, in political terms, is still young. Her conference speech was that of an assured, but not complacent, world leader. She was in full command of all the subjects she covered, and her authority and knowledge of government showed.

Other leading Conservatives mainly looked strong and purposeful. Nigel Lawson had no difficulty illustrating that he is a supremely successful Chancellor of the Exchequer, despite the occasional blips, and that he is not afraid to act toughly. Geoffrey Howe may not be a scintillating orator but looked solid and wise, with a good track record. Douglas Hurd could not satisfy a Conservative conference, or most of the public, on capital punishment, but clearly established his credentials as a minister who is actually doing something about crime. Kenneth Clarke, the Health Secretary, sounded like a man able to deal efficiently with nurses' pay and the ever-pressing problems of the National Health Service.

In short, the charges which persisted for a few years after 1979, that while Mrs Thatcher was remarkable her ministers were unremarkable, and therefore the government was a one-

woman band, no longer sticks. The electorate needs no persuading that the present Conservative leaders know what they are doing, can handle crises, and have sufficient talent satisfactorily to fill any empty Cabinet places.

In this respect the SDP and the Liberal Democrats are nowhere. Roy Jenkins was a brilliant Chancellor of the Exchequer and an outstanding Home Secretary. But he could not be the whole cabinet if his group were successful, to think of Mr Paddy Ashdown as a cabinet minister is to laugh. Dr Owen would be splendid in a cabinet. But where is he to find his colleagues? Mrs Rosie Barnes is delightful, but that is scarcely enough.

The serious contender remains the Labour Party, but the longer it has been out of power the less capable it will look of being in power. In 1945 there had been a Labour government since 1931. But its leading members held high office in the wartime coalition government. Attlee, Bevin, Morrison, Cripps, and Dalton were towering, famous, national figures. There was no public doubt that they could match, or better, for man any cabinet the Conservatives could produce.

After six years, in 1951, Churchill obviously still knew how to be a prime minister and had at his disposal politicians still prominent and full of ministerial experience. You might not like them but in the public mind they were up to the job, though the Conservatives, nevertheless, did

no more than win by a majority of 16 with less of the total vote than Labour.

Then came the "Thirteen Wasted Years" — just desperation, though the public disbelieved it while they lasted. By the time of the 1964 election there were only three Labour leaders left who had held cabinet office: Harold Wilson, Patrick Gordon-Walker and James Griffiths. Apart from Wilson it was not an excitingly impressive list. George Brown, James Callaghan and Douglas Jay had been judging the cabinet in Attlee's day, but that would not have registered much with the public at large. There was a feeling that despite grand speeches about "the white heat of technological change" Labour did not have the material to make an effective cabinet. That was why it scraped in with a tiny majority of three, after discounting Desmond Donnelly and myself, who declared opposition to steel nationalization from the outset. If Gaiskell and Bevan had lived, Labour would have looked far stronger potentially and would have won by a substantially higher margin.

By 1966, stars like Jenkins, Crosland, Brown, Healey, Callaghan, Castle and Crossman had risen and the Labour majority in that year's election was a good one because the cabinet had established its credentials as a government. There were still enough important Tory leaders around to win Heath the election in 1970. And Wilson's team was more or less intact when Labour barely won at the 1974 election,

Now we have an unusual situation. Labour offers a prime minister who has never held any office of any kind. Nor has one of his chief henchmen who would be destined for extremely high office. Bryan Gould, and no one is to know whether he would be an ass or a success in government. John Cunningham, another marked for high office, has never got further than Under Secretary for Energy. Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader, was in the cabinet briefly as Secretary for Prices and Consumer Protection, not an inspiring reference. John Smith is the only one of Labour's top leaders who has held a serious cabinet job. Secretary of Trade, and we must hope for the sake of the body politic that he makes a full recovery from his heart attack. But the five at Labour's top, unlike in 1945, are a poor lot on which to found a government.

Leaving aside the question mark over their policies on nuclear defence, taxes and free enterprise, the cabinet Mr Kinnoch presents to the nation is an amateurish affair. The public will not feel they are the team to argue in Washington and Moscow and Brussels, and will be reluctant to risk such untried ministers in coping with the hazards and storms which inevitably and continually erupt to test the strength and capacity of any government. Labour would have to be miraculously lucky to win the next election, and more so with subsequent elections, the longer it has been away from real power, unless the Tory cabinet becomes feeble.

OCT 18 ON THIS DAY 1880

Antagonism between the radical parties and the Catholic church had existed in France since the Revolution. This outbreak of anti-clericalism originated in 1827 when the Catholic party strove to restore the temporal power of the Pope.

FRANCE (RELIGIOUS ORDERS EXPELLED)

Paris, Sunday Oct 17.9.30pm. The Carmelites and Barnabites have shared the fate of the Jesuits. The police yesterday morning broke up their establishments throughout France, numbering 16, with about 200 inmates. The secret had been so well kept, the expectation being that the blow would fall on the Capuchins and Dominicans, that in most cases no preparations had been made for resistance, and no locksmen had, therefore, to be called in. Two of the expulsions occurred in Paris. The Barnabite fathers in the Rue Monceau consisted of four Italians and two Frenchmen. The police commissary entered the chapel at 6am and produced an order of expulsion, the two French fathers, however, being allowed to remain in charge of the premises. The chapel in which the Italian fathers were periodically delivered, the fathers making it their mission to watch over their fellow-countrymen, was sealed up. At 8.30am the Carmelite establishment at Fassy was entered by a second commissary, who found the Prior conferring with two provincial priors on the affairs of the Order. He asked the Prior to send for two foreign inmates, one a Bel-

gian, the other a Spaniard; but the Prior declined on the ground that this would be like delivering up his brethren and sons. The commissary thereupon visited each cell, obliged the inmate to leave, and expelled some lay sympathisers who had entered the building. To the inmates assembled in the chapter-house he read the edict of expulsion and asked the Prior to name some one to be left in charge. The Prior informed the commissary that but for the clandestine manner of his entry he would have had to break open the door, and to show that they only yielded to force, he asked that each monk might re-enter his cell. Each monk accordingly gave a formal refusal to leave, and quitted his cell only on feeling a policeman's hand on his shoulder. On emerging into the street, where carriages were waiting to take them to friends' houses, they found persons collected who with tears and on their knees solicited their blessing. In the provinces similar scenes occurred. At Toulouse the cells were forced open, and the crowd outside comprised both friends and foes, the latter hooting and singing the "Marseillaise". At Bordeaux the Prior made a formal protest and told the police they were incurring excommunication. The crowd outside was sympathetic. At Montpellier the Bishop, in full pontificals, waited on the Prefect and told him he was excommunicated. At Lyons also the outer door had to be forced, while at Montelimar three of the monks were dispersed communities who are foreigners are required to quit France. All the communities will reduce the Jesuits in seeking further batches of legal functionaries, have resigned rather than be supposed to countenance the expulsions.



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BIDDING FOR BEER

Only two obstacles stand between the Australian entrepreneur, Mr John Elliott, and control of one fifth of the British beer market: the shareholders of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries and the Office of Fair Trading. Mr Elliott's master company, Elders DXL, which already owns Courage, has been stalking Scotland's major brewer for 18 months and Mr Elliott had the luxury of being able to pick his moment. In choosing the anniversary of "Black Monday", Mr Elliott may impress the shareholders, but not, it is to be hoped the OFT.

For the past two years, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission has been investigating, at the behest of the OFT, the "supply of beer". Specifically, the investigation has focused on the links between the brewers and the pubs, the "tie" under which tenants of the brewers are required to sell their landlord's beer, but in practice also sell his spirits, soft drinks and other products where the profit mark-ups are enormous.

The "tie" has been investigated three times in the last 20 years, once by the Monopolies Commission itself which published its findings in 1969, again by the Erroll committee which reported three years later, and by the European Commission which in 1983 reported at the end of a 10-year investigation. It is hardly surprising that none of them liked the system and all found it anti-competitive.

Broadly, however, it remains much as it began 20 years ago. The two domestic reports recommended dealing with the situation by relaxing licensing laws to facilitate the entry of new competitors to the traditional brewery-owned pub. Nothing happened. The EEC did nothing about the supply of beer, but insisted that brewers gave up their right to supply other products as a matter of course. That was, at least, a step in the right direction.

To justify the time and expense of mounting its current investigation, the Monopolies Commission is likely to recommend some changes when it reports next year. It is to be hoped that the monopolistic tendencies of the brewers will be curbed, even though the industry is already coming to the conclusion that restricting consumer choice is not the best

way to run a successful business. Pubs themselves are increasingly regarded as retail outlets offering the customer greater choice and better facilities.

Mr Elliott, however, adds a new dimension to the investigation. His bid for Scottish & Newcastle is an attempt to merge the fifth and sixth largest companies in the brewers' league to create the second largest — behind Bass. It should not be allowed to go through without being considered by the Monopolies Commission, especially since the take-over would give Elders a stranglehold on the Scottish beer market.

This fact must be recognized by the Office of Fair Trading, which will advise Lord Young, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, on the necessity of a formal reference to the Commission. Lord Young, however, has an additional problem. The last major reference was the bid by Goodman Fielder, a New Zealand company, for the Ranks Hovis McDougall food group, after which Lord Young sought to assure overseas bidders for British companies that they were not discriminated against. A reference now might suggest otherwise.

Lord Young will also remember that it is only a few years since the MMC investigated Elders' proposed take-over of Allied-Lyons, an investigation which gave the Australians clearance to bid. In fact, they bought Courage instead from Hanson. It might be difficult for him to argue that Elders' take-over of Scottish & Newcastle should be investigated when the bigger take-over of Allied-Lyons would have been allowed.

Against that Lord Young will have to consider the "Scottish lobby". In a suggestion which has echoes of Guinness's pledge to Distillers, Elders promises a Scottish head office for Elders Brewing. The sop will not placate anybody, nor should it.

Lord Young should not allow himself to be sidetracked away from the main issue — the monopolistic tendency of the brewing industry. Elders maintained yesterday that the current commission inquiry into beer "is irrelevant" to the bid. It is not.

THE GAME AGAINST APARTHEID

The traditional attitude of the anti-apartheid movement has been that "no normal sport is possible within an abnormal society". According to this precept, no sport in South Africa could ever regain its respectability as long as apartheid remained in the country at large.

Now the leaders of the African National Congress and senior rugby officials from South Africa have struck a deal to make rugby multi-racial. No one should expect too much too soon from this but its potential as a catalyst for change is very clear.

Meeting in Harare at the weekend, representatives of the white-dominated South African Rugby Board (SARB), the mainly black South African Rugby Union (SARU) and the ANC, agreed to work for the return of the Springboks to international competition. For Dr Danie Craven, the president of the SARB, who said only 12 years ago that no black would ever wear a Springbok jersey, it reflects a significant (though far from sudden) change of heart.

The impact on rugby itself will not be immediate — even if Dr Craven wins SARB support for it at next month's board meeting. Although a number of blacks and Coloureds play the game it remains very much an Afrikaner sport. While the formation of a new non-racial organizing body should encourage the growth of multi-racial clubs, it will take time for young blacks to win national recognition.

Most of the attention on the accord is, however, political. Two entrenched groups have shifted their ground. Frustrated by exclusion from the international game, South Africa's rugby organizers have come to heel — even to the extent of negotiating with the proscribed ANC. The motives of the ANC are more open to speculation.

In the last few years a growing number of

South Africa's white liberals have tricked across the border into front-line states for high-level contact with the ANC — much to the annoyance of Pretoria. This latest development may be seen as a continuation of this policy of trying to divide South Africa's white community. Alternatively the ANC's decision to deal with the white rugby hierarchy (not generally known for its liberal sympathies) may suggest that the ANC is seeking a major gesture by which to improve its status in the Cape — where rugby has a status close to that of a cult.

How far the ANC as an organization will understand the policy of its leaders is open to question. It seems likely that the move will create its own divisions. The reaction of the anti-apartheid movement suggests that few member organizations will embrace the agreement. Having largely achieved the sporting isolation of South Africa, they now insist that the boycott was intended not only to make sport multi-racial but as an instrument against apartheid as a whole.

The reaction from South Africa's political right has been predictably harsh. With municipal elections due later this month, it is likely that President Botha will try to distance his Government from the Harare deal. To do otherwise would leave himself dangerously exposed. But the private position of Pretoria is likely to be more sympathetic than its public stance.

Even if the ANC is doing no more than playing politics, this alone gives ground for a welcome to the agreement. At least it means that the anti-apartheid movement inside South Africa (if not the external lobby) may be moving away from meaningless rhetoric towards pragmatism and hard bargaining. One must hope that that game will not be thrown away.

RUSHING INTO SYRIA

The four members of Parliament who begin a week in Damascus tomorrow as guests of the Syrian Government would undoubtedly reject the idea that they were fools rushing in where angels feared to tread. All four, as members of the British-Syrian parliamentary group, would claim to have a strong interest in the country — with which Britain broke off relations two years ago on the grounds that the Syrian ambassador to Britain and senior Syrian officials had been involved in the attempt by Nezar Hindawi to blow up an El Al airliner flying from Heathrow.

The Foreign Office, however, has taken the step, strong in diplomatic parlance, of dissociating itself publicly from the visit. It argues that the Syrians are unlikely to believe that the trip is not some kind of official "feeler", and that it could be exploited for propaganda purposes. In principle, as the FCO acknowledges, there is no reason why parliamentarians in a free country should bow to official advice. An informal trip by MPs with an open mind, able to explain to Syria the serious obstacles to rapprochement, might genuinely have helped to concentrate minds. But all four, in this case, are strong supporters of the Syrian cause.

Mr Robert Adley, who as chairman of the British-Syrian parliamentary group is bound to carry special weight in Damascus, professes himself convinced that the Syrian Government was innocent in the Hindawi affair and, was a victim, as Damascus has always claimed, of an Israeli intelligence. All want swift restoration of relations.

There is thus a risk that the visit will simply convince President Assad that Mrs Thatcher will soon be brought to bow to the consensus of the House of Commons. The US has, after all, returned its ambassador to Damascus and

France, West Germany and Italy have resumed contacts.

Nor can the possibility be dismissed that the group will discuss with Syrian officials the fate of British hostages in Lebanon: although they are thought to be held by Islamic Jihad, controlled by Iran not Syria, Mr Adley professes himself convinced that Syria holds the key to their release.

This would indeed be a case of fools rushing in: the hostages question can only confuse the central issue and to raise it could suggest to Syria that Britain has changed its view that they cannot be a bargaining counter. The issue is that Britain's minimal conditions for resuming relations have yet to be met. These are that Syria must demonstrate that it has renounced state support for international terrorism, and must clear the decks over the Hindawi affair by disciplining officials.

This has not done. General Mohammed al-Khouni, the director of Syrian air force intelligence claimed by Britain to have been directly involved, has been promoted to deputy head of the airforce; his deputy (and brother-in-law) remains in his post.

President Assad's pride is unlikely to permit early Syrian moves to give Britain the assurances it seeks. But Syria has incentives to mend fences. No aid flows from the European Community, which maintains restrictions on Syrian diplomats, defence sales and tough security controls on Syrian Arab airlines.

President Assad's parliamentary friends believe that Britain should make haste to come to terms with changes in the Middle Eastern situation. It will not assist the process if they convince the President that he holds all the cards.

Steps towards a new Europe

From Mr Peter Giffard
Sir, Dr F. A. Mann's letter (October 12) illustrates how difficult it is for an ordinary individual to know whether we are heading in Europe, even if he has a copy of the Treaty of Rome.

If the Solemn Declaration of Stuttgart on European Union is no more than a political statement of intent as at 1983, and if the resolution recited in the preamble to the Single European Act to implement that European Union is no more than diplomatic verbiage, we might be less confused if the Council of Ministers were to refrain from making any declaration or resolution.

Our commitment, and the commitment of all the European Communities, is "to contribute together to making concrete progress towards European unity". That objective is embodied in the Treaty of Rome by article 1 of the Single European Act. In the context "unity" is not "union" but more akin to agreement or harmony. I think Dr Mann's reasoning supports this construction.

If the Commission had intended that the Single European Act should provide for eventual union, including economic and monetary union, it would surely have said so in the Commission communication (published February 1987) entitled "Making a Success of the Single Act". Instead, success seemed to be based upon discipline and agreement.

This Commission communication contained the startling statement that "the ship of Europe needs a helmsman". If that be so, let us encourage our Prime Minister to seize the helm rather than drift into uncharted waters with the President of the Commission. Yours faithfully, PETER GIFFARD (President, European Landowning Organisation), Chillingham Hall, Codsall Wood, Wolverhampton, West Midlands. October 13.

Idealism abroad

From Mr Cyril D. Townsend, MP for Bexleyheath (Conservative)
Sir, I welcome Michael Heseltine's foray into the field of foreign affairs (article, October 13) for this is an area where, unless we are careful, we are going to look a little smug and short-sighted.

How right he was to emphasise the need for Britain to give a lead within the European Community. But he spoils his otherwise admirable article by suggesting that morality has no part to play in foreign affairs.

Presumably he would agree that internal politics should be excluded from external politics? Many people in Britain, particularly the young, will spurn such a cynical viewpoint and will believe that idealism has its part to play in British foreign policy.

Anthony Eden once quoted with obvious approval the words of the American statesman John Quincy Adams:

"The more of pure moral principle that is carried into the policy of a government, the wiser and more profound will that policy be."

Yours faithfully, CYRIL D. TOWNSEND, House of Commons. October 13.

Driving tests

From Ms G. L. Wollers
Sir, Can I, perhaps, top your correspondence (October 6, 12) re driving test failures and show that discrimination lives?

I failed my first test at the age of 17. Admittedly I drove badly and deserved to fail, but I don't think I deserved the comment from the examiner: "Well, you are a woman and you are rather young!"

Would I have passed had I been a rather young man? The question continues to plague me 16 years later.

Yours faithfully, GILL WOLLERS, Wheldon House, Front Street, Ebbw Vale, Gwent. October 12.

A song too few

From Mrs Susan Law
Sir, Primroses, cowslips, and violets are all growing happily in my garden. I only need to hear a cuckoo and I'd be convinced it is spring.

Yours faithfully, SUSAN LAW, The Hawthorns, Bradley Cottages, 22 Wainode Lane, Bishop's Norton, Gloucestershire. October 12.

Non-nuclear obstacles

From the Chairman, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
Sir, Professor Geoffrey Lee Williams (October 13) raises three issues as obstacles to a non-nuclear defence policy in Europe. He says that Labour advocates of nuclear disarmament must "plausibly advance an alternative theory of deterrence".

An alternative point of view is that what keeps the Warsaw Pact from attacking Western Europe is not Nato's nuclear weaponry but the political and economic interests it has to lose by war in Europe. The problem is not how to deter, but how to make the transition to a demilitarised Europe — a goal which is more

Looking after parent governors

From Mr Muhammad Haque

Sir, The claim by the Equal Opportunities Commission that "most [school] governors were unaware that they could find themselves in court or before an industrial tribunal if they infringed the sex-discrimination laws when appointing staff" (report, October 12) is obviously a well-intentioned expression of the commission's concerns but, as it appears, is misleading.

Historically speaking, school governors have been "technically" unaware of their legal responsibilities for most of the time. The effects of the 1986 (part 2) Education Act and those of the 1988 Education Reform Act have to be seen against the quite easily verifiable background of decades of school government by people who have represented what at least one education minister, Mrs Angela Rumbold, has described as "common sense".

The main legal and technical expertise has always come from the relevant local education authority and the school's senior professional staff.

The second fallacy which the reported position of the EOC represents is the view that liability for the relevant decision will fall upon school governors as a result of the new legislation only. Surely the commission are not arguing that the legal system has suddenly become reliant on statutes and that the common-law foundation of cases has become so fundamentally eroded by the Education Reform Act 1988 that recourse to common-law remedies have been rendered practically useless?

Thirdly, the claim that "governors would be guilty of unlawful discrimination if they advocated appointing only a man for a job or asked a woman if she proposed to leave to have children" is not entirely revealing of a wholly new situation. It has always been open to a party at the receiving end of sexually-discriminatory appointment procedures to seek redress under both common law and such specific remedies as are provided for by the anti-discrimination legislation. And liability for any decisions have always rested with the persons who made those

decisions, whether in appointing staff or otherwise.

Finally the fact that the EOC are "having talks with" one organisation of governors and are not concerned about the other substantially relevant groups, such as the London Collective of Black Governors, has to be seen as *prima facie* evidence of the commission's operative assumption that excludes parts of the governor population.

Yours sincerely, M. HAQUE (Secretary, London Collective of Black Governors), London, E1.

From the Headmaster of Caldicot Comprehensive School
Sir, I have had my fill of the education reform Acts. Having produced and circulated 1,500 copies (8,000 sheets) of an annual governors' report in July, 1987, the governors and I faced a dozen parents at the annual meeting — absentees, 2,790!

The secretarial and teaching staff have just emerged from the second phase — managing the parent governor elections, at a cost of 16 reams of A4 duplicating paper, two secretarial days, and two senior staff days. Fortunately the count, which is yet to come, is unlikely to occupy much time.

Has it never occurred to the powers that be that some heads and staff already involve parents in the running of their school, and that the vast majority of parents are content to let the professionals get on with the job?

By the same token, reports from directors of education, and even HM Inspectors, confirm that standards in many schools are good, and that "unbalanced", "irrelevant" and "differentiated" complaints from heads and staff about their local education authority are minor compared with those levelled at the Department of Education and Science in recent years.

I don't want more independence; but then is anyone seriously trying to give it to me? I wonder. Yours faithfully, J. NORWOOD, Headmaster, Caldicot Comprehensive School, Caldicot, Newport, Gwent. October 12.

School chemistry

From Dr I. P. Evans

Sir, The letter from the Head of Science at Winchester College (October 13) puts forward a particular point of view about the future of chemistry, particularly at school level. Dr Catmerole is entitled to his view, of course, but it is important to note that it is a view that very many chemistry and science teachers, both in the maintained and independent sectors, do not share.

If we believe in a balanced curriculum, and if we believe in "science for all", then the move to some form of coordination of the sciences follows logically, at least for most students. It is disingenuous to equate this with "the rapid disappearance of the separate disciplines".

On a related issue, the reduction of some 15 per cent or so of chemical fact in the new A-level syllabuses by various boards, including my own, has allowed the development of courses which recognise the importance of fac-

tual material, while developing such skills as comprehension, application, and analysis, together with a realisation of the importance of chemistry to our society. Never has the ability of A level to respond flexibly to change been more apparent.

I strongly object to the term "vanished tracts of chemistry" as far as the London board syllabus is concerned. Our "two pages of deletions" are actually just over one page: many of these deletions are minor. The course is rigorous and in terms of descriptive chemistry exceeds the inter-board common core in chemistry agreed to by the universities.

It is through such modern, demanding, and relevant developments that the chemists of the future will come. Yours faithfully, I. P. EVANS (Chief examiner in A-level chemistry, University of London School Examinations Board), St Paul's School, Lonsdale Road, Barnes, SW13. October 13.

Surcharge on fees

From the Vice-Chairman, Association of Polytechnic Teachers

Sir, The "surcharge" on full-time students' fees suggested by the DES (report, October 12) is rather more than that. An "extra few hundreds pounds", or "the price of a second-rate skiing trip" is far greater than the odd few per cent travel agents try to charge their clients.

The 1988-89 tuition fee in England and Wales is £578, so the modest £500 extra proposed by the senior official DES kite-flier is actually an 87 per cent increase!

Government ministers and the DES should bear in mind that we have had less than one generation of wider participation in higher education in this country and it is

still in many segments of society a very tender plant whose fruits have yet to be seen and appreciated. The only way we will be able to provide the skilled workforce our commerce and industry needs in the 1990s, if we are to survive as a prosperous industrialised nation into the next century, is by raising the proportion of each age group in higher education. Placing financial barriers in front of potential students will quickly reverse the modest increase in age participation rate we have seen in the 1980s.

Yours sincerely, MARTIN FREARSON, Vice-Chairman, Association of Polytechnic Teachers, Hatfield Polytechnic Branch, PO Box 109, Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

Rewarding heroism

From Mr Alan McLoughlin

Sir, Once again, the recently gazetted list of gallantry medals for bomb-disposal work in Ulster contains awards of various grades of the Order of the British Empire. In view of the fact that in recent years the Queen's Gallantry Medal has been added to the more rarely awarded George Cross and George Medal for bravery in these circumstances, it is not time that acts such as these were recognised with medals awarded solely for heroism, and not with those awards more usually associated with faithful service?

appropriate to our real long-term security interests.

Williams uses a single comparison — of the number of divisions — to establish that Warsaw Pact armies are ready for "sustained offensive operations", omitting to mention that Warsaw Pact divisions are on average two thirds the size of their Nato equivalents and generally kept at less than 75 per cent of their full strength. Granted, reduction in the conventional forces on both sides are prerequisites for genuine and lasting confidence and security in

Europe. But this point should not be made the bugbear of all further progress on nuclear disarmament. Finally, Williams asks how Nato's "minimum defence requirements" should be defined. Shouldn't the answer be, "As low as can possibly be reached through a continuing process of disarmament"? With the increased trust established by the disarmament agreements of the last few years our sights should be set at radical reductions on both sides, not at writing a new formula for the cold war.

Yours faithfully, BRUCE KENT, Chairman, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, 22-24 Underwood Street, N1. October 14.

Loose leaves in a German castle

From Mr F. D. Price

Sir, The extracts which you print (October 13) from John Costello's *Mask of Treachery* have reminded me of a visit which I made to the Friedrichshof at Kronberg while I was head of the Historical Section of SHAEF (Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force) at Frankfurt.

My diary (July 29, 1945) records my astonishment at what I found in the library, there, which (unlike the rest of the castle) was in a state of chaos. Manuscripts lying about ranged from a 1475 copy of Aquinas's *Questions* to a bound volume of letters written by the Duke of York during the campaigns of 1792-94.

An open drawer of a desk was filled with letters addressed to the Prince of Hesse, in German and in English, in the 1920s.

In a cabinet in the adjoining billiards room I found letters addressed to Queen Victoria of Prussia, including some from Elizabeth Fr. ("Dear Queen, I am afraid I left my Bible on the table..."). Many of the books bore the queen's bookplate and had marginal annotations in what I presumed to be her handwriting.

All these treasures were completely unsupervised and unsecured. Presumably they were of no interest to Bismarck and Morshard when they visited the castle a few months earlier, and I am glad to say that I managed to resist the temptation to which, as an historian, I felt strongly exposed.

Yours faithfully, DOUGLAS PRICE, Lyndon, Wigginton, Banbury, Oxfordshire. October 13.

Call of the cloth

From Mr O. W. H. Clark

Sir, Many will be grateful to the Bishop of Bristol for his categorical assurance (October 10) that "there is no discrimination by bishops' selectors against candidates because they hold particular views, for instance on the ordination of women".

Will the bishop place some of us further in his debt by seeking a similar public assurance from the House of Bishops that his fellow diocesan bishops will so act in regard to all the many appointments to parochial benefices, etc., for which they are individually responsible?

More particularly, as Chairman of the Church of England's Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry, will he ensure that a similar policy manifestly operates in regard to the acceptance and recruitment of both staff and students for all theological colleges and courses officially recognised by the advisory council and the House of Bishops?

It will be essential for express statutory safeguards to these ends to be included in the draft legislation now before the General Synod in regard to the ordination of women to the priesthood, and I trust that I shall see the bishop notwithstanding his personal support for the Movement for the Ordination of Women — as an unequivocal supporter of amendments to this effect. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, O. W. H. CLARK, 8 Courtlands Avenue, Hampton, Middlesex. October 11.

Duped but undaunted

From Lord Campbell of Croy

Sir, Your Science Report of October 13 described hedge sparrows (dunnocks) as so indiscriminate that a cuckoo need not try to imitate the eggs.

Your Science Report of March 29, 1983, described hedge sparrows as so promiscuous that tracing paternity was almost impossible. It prompted my letter (April 11, 1983) pointing out that their nests are favourites with the cuckoo and suggesting that this was nature's way of preparing hedge sparrows for the grotesque and vastly oversized cuckoo chick. That spectacle need not occasion surprise or shock for the unwitting foster father.

Your latest Science Report adds support for the theory by recording that hedge sparrows, apparently unable to "tell the difference between a bucket and a barn door", will incubate almost anything. Yours faithfully, CAMPBELL OF CROY, Holme Rose, Cawdor, Nairnshire. October 14.

Music to the ear

From Dr David Harries

Sir, Now that the annual round of political party conferences is over, the lasting memory must be of the frequent references by the media to the delivery of "keynote" speeches.

Keynote is, of course, a term well known to those familiar with the jargon of musicians. It is best defined as the note which begins and ends a scale, and is otherwise known as the tonic.

Would any of your readers care to speculate as to which politicians have produced the super-tonic, mediant, subdominant, dominant, submediant or, even, leading-note speech of the year? Yours faithfully, DAVID HARRIES (Head of Composition Studies), Welsh College of Music & Drama, Cathays Park, Cardiff, South Glamorgan. October 14.

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

I spy the end of a trend

"I'm looking for another job", said Ian Holm as Bernie Samsom in last night's *Game, Set & Match* (ITV), as he pursued the classified ads. Of course, he had not really been looking for a job, but was trying to discover whether Giles Trent's sister, who liked the Russian, also liked opera.

On Sunday, however, Channel 4 had asked whether real and fictional Bernies will soon be looking for new jobs, with an eye-opening look at spy technology in *Equinox* and a discussion of the future of television spies in *The Media Show*. Evidently, there is some life left in fleshy spooks since spy satellites, weather permitting, give you so much information that, by the time you have sifted through all of it to discover that the Argentinians are about to invade the Falklands, they have been there a week.

And, to the evident relief of the producer of *Game, Set & Match*, as interviewed on *The Media Show*, Gorbachov has not committed cultural vandalism by knocking down the Berlin Wall before the series started — though there is certainly time enough for the Soviets to have done so before this multi-part mouster ends.

Mercifully for us, it is becoming increasingly addictive, with Ian Holm brilliantly playing up the weariness of the spy, as though in acknowledgement of actors' and audiences' weariness of the genre. However, the excitement of his new clandestine return to East Berlin was qualified not just by *The Media Show*'s revelation that the show's Check Point Charlie is a film set in Manchester (complete with guided tours), but also by yesterday's television trip into real East Berlin by an actor who is even more well suited to play Bernie Samsom.

The actor in question is Andrew Sachs, who is cursed and blessed by his fame as Maimel in *Fawlty Towers*. His return, in *Berliners* (BBC1), to the scenes and characters of his childhood has been both moving and interesting and, incidentally, shows how appropriate it would have been for him to play Michael Rosen (Werner in *Game, Set & Match*), who was also a Jewish boy in Nazi Berlin.

But then, Sachs' chameleon talents would have been even better used spying, where you do not want the public to recognize the real face behind the adopted character. Perhaps he should look for another job.

Andrew Hislop

John Russell Taylor welcomes a lively celebration of 100 years of the eccentric best of art in Britain

Open line to the future

GALLERIES

100 Years of Art in Britain
Leeds City Art GalleryMasterpieces from the
Imperial War
Museum/Gluck
Fine Art Society

In Britain we are used to being vaguely ashamed about the state of our own arts. Cracks about a Land without Music take at least a century to live down, and shows like the Royal Academy's *British Art in the 20th Century* seem to be endlessly apologetic because modern British art has not been more, well, modern. But, you might ask, who says that avant-garde aspirations are necessarily the best or the only ones to have? Must everything be tending inexorably to the conceptual and the minimal, or be nothing worth?

If you would ask such questions, 100 Years of Art in Britain, the show with which Leeds City Art Gallery is celebrating its own centenary (until January 15) should be just the thing for you. It consists of exactly 100 works, one for each year.

Naturally, the last room, containing acquisitions from the Eighties, does include conceptual works like Richard Long's "Delahou Stone Circle" and Tim Head's "Erasors", which is a colour photograph of an installation. But it also has very painterly paintings by Thérese Oulton and Gillian Ayres, and even one of Stephen McKenna's classical evocations.

And all it seems to be saying in this room is that these things, in all their diversity, are all happening in this decade and deserve to be represented. It emphatically does not say that any one time is more correct, more legitimately contemporary, than any other.

This admirable open-mindedness extends right back to 1888. Nowhere do we feel, as we so often did at the Academy, that the books are being cooked to present a particular view of the development of art in this country during the last 100 years, to imply that anything which does not fit in must be consigned to oblivion or (worse) ridicule and contempt.

Inevitably in such a large jigsaw puzzle, one can question particular inclusions. Some seem to be dictated by the necessity of finding something, somehow, to represent a non-vintage year, while others are excluded because the year before or the year after presents an embarrassment of riches.

But, by a properly liberal interpretation of the brief, an almost wholly admirable and consistently interesting show has been assembled. The brief specifies, you will note, art in Britain, not British art, and therefore we are able to see Derain at his Fauve best, evoking Thames barges for 1906

in a dazzle of colour, or admire a splendid, unfamiliar Mondrian abstraction of 1935 because he happened to be living in Hampstead in close proximity to Henry Moore. Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth when he painted it.

But, mostly, the art included is British in every sense of the term, and if sometimes a date is fudged — 1922, for instance, admittedly the year Alfred Wallis took up painting, is represented by a Wallis from 1926/28 — at least it is all in a good cause.

Above all, the impression one carries away is one of diversity and eccentricity. The strength of art in Britain has so often lain, not in the power of a coherent school or the overriding genius of one or two central figures, however brilliant they may have been, but the amazing things which were happening on the sidelines.

We can take aboard the breathtaking quality of a Stanley Spencer or an Edward Burne-Jones only if we stop trying uncomfortably to fit them into some general European context. Nor is it really helpful to see Meredith Frampton as a pale British reflection of the Neue Sachlichkeit or as Surrealism misunderstood.

It is perfectly legitimate to represent 1900 by Stanhope Forbes's idyllic "The Drinking Place" and 1901 by Mark Senior's subdued but still moving "Toil": both excellent works, no less excellent because they inhabit a different world from the young Turks of the Ecole de Paris. If some of the juxtapositions take us aback, that is all to the good: the show mixes genres and schools, in a way that the Musée d'Orsay promised to, but in the end chickened out of. In consequence our minds are expanded and our understanding deepened — which is the best one can hope from any show.

In London there are two shows which remind us that the greatest talent and the



Lilies for Constance? this 1930s flower study by Gluck is on show at the Fine Art Society

most self-consciously advanced notions have not always, in Britain, gone together. The Fine Art Society is, until October 28, housing an eye-opening loan show of Masterpieces from the Imperial War Museum, heralding the imminent reconstruction of the museum's art galleries, and a small show of an old Fine Art Society favourite, the inimitable Gluck. The paintings from the War Museum cover the whole range of its collecting, and principally the two world wars, which provided inspiration for all kinds of artists, from wildly advanced to ingrainedly conservative, and were served equally well by both.

Gluck, for the uninitiated, was an extraordinary lady of determinedly

ROCK

Brave smile

U2 and others
Dominion

U2 stamped an unmistakable mark of authority on Sunday's *Smile Jamaica* benefit concert. Appearing at the climax of the second show they played "All Along the Watchtower" and "Angel of Harlem" with warm, loose vigour before being joined by Keith Richards for a rousing run through of "When Love Comes to Town" and an emotional finale of "Love Rescue Me" with Ziggy Marley.

Throughout the earlier part of the show, U2's fans loudly chanted the chorus of "40" during the many moments of quiet or confusion between the main acts. "People, let's remember why we're here", remonstrated Junior, one of the evening's hosts. The video screens which relayed pictures of and information about the hurricane-torn island of Jamaica, where one in five of the population is now homeless, also reminded us of the fund-raising nature of the show, but the U2 fans were clearly there to see U2, and the rest of us to act as paying extras in the television production.

A huge camera boom arm frequently intruded on the view of the stage where, like Christians flung carelessly to the lions, many of the performers were simply pushed out unannounced to face the braying mob. Benjamin Zephaniah had caught most people's attention by the end of his rap, "This Poetry", but Linton Kwesi Johnson and a number of alternative comedians fared much worse.

Robert Palmer wandered on to sing to a backing track of "She Makes My Day". Lavine Hudson, the young London gospel singer, accompanied by a pianist, hit a sequence that demonstrated an astonishing vocal technique. Womack & Womack's "Celebrate The World" was the usual extended family shambles, and Tom Tom Club suffered from a murky sound balance, although the shameless plugs for their album came across loud and clear.

For me the best moment was the Robert Cray Band's commanding performance of "Night Patrol" and, with the Memphis Horns in tow, "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark". Perhaps on television it looked as if the show was running smoothly enough, but the band's unruffled demeanour and Cray's delightfully eloquent playing shone like a beacon through the general air of incoherence which characterized this lively and entertaining variety spectacular.

David Sinclair

Making an auspicious start with Ashton

DANCE

Online
Covent Garden

Anthony Dowell is starting his third year as director of the Royal Ballet with a strong choice of programmes. Last season's best and most popular production, Ashton's *Online*, was the right and inevitable choice for the opening night on Saturday, to be

followed by two David Bintley premieres, both on interesting mixed bills, and *The Sleeping Beauty*, all of this spiced by no fewer than six guest stars. Make the most of it.

There were quite a few faces in the ensemble on Saturday who will be taking leading roles over the next few weeks and many young faces too. All the more a shame that the expensive programme book cannot identify more than a handful of the principals. Dancing as good as this, whether in the large en-

sembles or smaller groups, deserves acknowledgement.

Maria Almeida's performance in the title role continues to be very accomplished, carefully considered, with a lot of sweetness and sincerity, if a little short of deep feeling. Dowell as Palemon does not need all the detailed facial acting he seems to have added: everything is in the choreography when performed as clearly and fluently as he does it.

Stephen Jeffries brings a quiet menace to his role as the sea god Tirrenio, and Deanne Bergsman

makes Berta capriciously flirtatious and spiteful. Fiona Chadwick's humour and musicality and Bruce Sansom's neat speed lead the big *divertissement* in fine style.

Henze's music grows more attractive as one gets to know it better. The *Online* score gives the orchestra interesting opportunities and they responded well under Isaiah Jackson's direction, with Henry Roche as the solo pianist in the concerto-like *divertissement* in Act III.

John Percival

Long-winded and morally outrageous

THEATRE

Dealing With Clair
Orange Tree,
Richmond

You do not expect a baby-faced estate agent to burden himself with such an inconvenience as a heart. Nor will his clients, upwardly rocketing property owners, let it interfere with the concern to discover the right (that is, the highest) price for their house — though the married couple Martin Crimp presents for our inspection do have quaint

twinges of conscience as they gazump their potential buyers. They really have to turn language inside out to keep decent self-images. "But we've accepted their offer," protests the wife. "Yes, but what does that mean?" weasels her husband.

Crimp's ear is alert to the moral corruptions that characterize a society of grabbers anxious to be considered not only terribly successful but also terribly nice. Mike, the mealy-mouthed husband (John Michie, spot on) has a fondness for half sentences that will not commit him to a full statement. His speech patterns are laboriously convoluted, as are those of James, the mysterious cash buyer (Tom Courtenay, often

very funny), whose mind free-wheels away from any subject under discussion, but always manages to circle back to the start; and whose discovery that somebody's window looks on to a railway prompts a long-winded fantasy of her domestic life.

The bad news is that Crimp's observant ear and skill with recurring phrases do not sustain a two-hour play. The evasions make their point by half time.

Then there is a trick so shockingly unexpected that the play cracks in half. The Clair of the title (Janine Wood), and the only decent hearted character in sight, turns into a "Suzy Lamplugh" victim and vanishes from the play. Crimp sets out to show that none

of the heartless people she knows really bothers about her disappearance, provided the market goes on climbing. But his artfully cool treatment of the crime is queerly similar to their yuppie detachment. The sheer length of the murderer's telephone chat to the victim's mother is morally outrageous, as well as an artistic error.

Janine Wood gives an earlier telephone monologue unusual conviction but this, too, is excessively long: unusual faults for Sam Walters, whose direction normally judges better when bottoms will start shifting on seats.

Jeremy Kingston

CONCERTS

RPO/Ashkenazy
Festival Hall/Radio 3

Few events in the four-month RPO/LSO Shostakovich Festival will measure the pain of his genius quite so starkly as this opening concert. Spanning the 43 years between the 19-year-old Shostakovich's precocious Symphony No 1 and the death-obsessed songs of Symphony No 14 — not his last symphonic work, but certainly his bleakest — it seemed to cut from Act I to Act V of a uniquely desolate tragedy.

The intervening action — the

Painful paradox

1936 and 1948 denunciations, the physical horror of the Leningrad siege, the continuous psychological wear of being both celebrant and conscience of the Soviet Union — explains a great deal about No 14, where hope lies only in death, and passion only in bitterness, but not much about No 1.

For this is by no means a carefree student exercise. It may lack the characteristic sardonic tone of later Shostakovich, but the increasingly sinister interruptions — first toy-soldier fanfares, then crunchy piano chords, and finally the tympani's

colossal solo — suggest that this child of the Revolution already understood that a life of painful ease was not available.

Under Vladimir Ashkenazy's ever more authoritative direction, the Royal Philharmonic gave a fine, lean account of No 1: immaculately clipped in the allegros, and boasting some superbly plaintive oboe and high trumpet solos in the wonderful, Mahler-influenced slow movement.

The front desks of the RPO strings were not quite so unanimous when exposed to the testing, high lines in No 14's

NLCC/Wood
Queen Elizabeth Hall

This concert in the "Reluctant Revolutionary" series was quite remarkable. James Wood's New London Chamber Choir, all amateurs, tackled a programme in which Bach, Brahms and Webern formed a sustained upbeat to music by Schoenberg. They did it with all the blithe confidence that this music needs if it is to sound as convincing as it should. More than that, it seemed that every note was in its right place.

These qualities are still all too rarely shown in performances of Schoenberg's music, the stylistic range of which in this selection was vast. There was the straightforward, if chromatic, harmonization in the three folk songs of 1928, an overt homage to Bach's chorale preludes; and at the other end of the scale, the last work

chamber sonatas. But this is not supposed to be pretty music, and there was plenty of spirit in the playing.

Ladislav Andrew sang the soprano part admirably at short notice; an initial lack of power was offset by intelligent evocation of mood, especially the numb terror of Apollinaire's "The Suicide". John Shirley-Quirk sang with customary insight.

In the Piano Concerto No 2, Cristina Ortiz was a suitably genial, fluent soloist. Shostakovich's extraordinary mechanical ability to churn out cheerful froth like this, sometimes at his darkest hours, is another paradox to be explored in coming weeks.

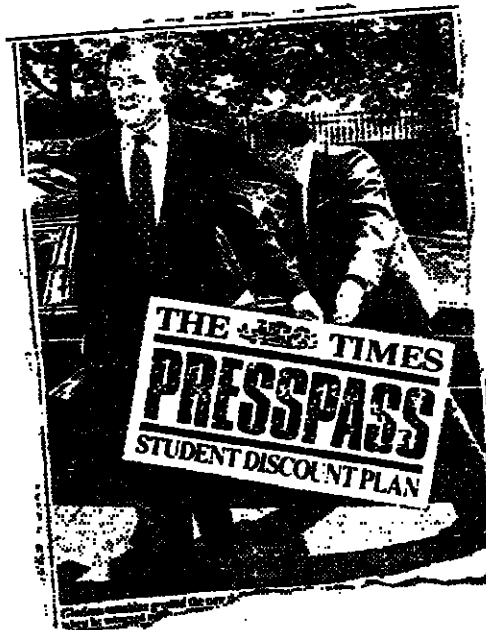
Richard Morrison

Schoenberg completed, his setting in Hebrew of the psalm *De Profundis*, Op 50b, (1950). This showed itself as a work of formidable emotive power, a distillation, with its shouted perorations and hugely intricate textures, of the magnitude of Schoenberg's Jewish faith and of his vast musical imagination.

Filling the stylistic gaps between these pieces were the rich, ardent, *Verklärte Nacht*-like textures of the motet *Friede auf Erden*, Op 13, composed in 1907, and the four pieces for mixed chorus, Op 27. Whether in the intricate canons of the first two songs in the latter work or in the freer spirit of the last two, the NLCC went from strength to strength. The encore of the final song, *Der Wunsch des Liebhabers*, with its instrumental quartet (from the *Endymion* Ensemble) was inevitable.

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THE LAW

Opportunity for change is missed

Richard Gordon discusses flaws which are exposed in the review of administrative law



view to evolving a simpler and more effective procedure.

In response to this executive myopia, JUSTICE and All Souls College, Oxford, formed a committee under the chairmanship of Sir Patrick Neill QC to undertake the comprehensive examination of administrative law.

The Review Committee was set up in 1978. During its 10-year deliberation administrative lawyers held their breath. Here, in effect, was the opportunity for a wide transformation of public law. Opinions will differ on the quality of the recommendations made by the committee in its recently published report entitled *Administrative Justice: Some Necessary Reforms*. But it seems

that an opportunity has been missed.

A great deal of empirical material has been assembled and analyzed, especially in relation to the conduct and control of administrative law in different legal systems. There are sensible and stimulating recommendations on Ombudsmen, tribunals and inquiries and on the need for stated reasons for decisions of public bodies and for compensation for financial loss caused by administrative action. Finally, the committee has wisely refrained from discussion of peripheral issues on which it had no reforms to suggest.

It is, though, the treatment of judicial review itself which disappoints. The committee's approach

has been to tinker with the existing procedure, making piecemeal proposals for reform where defects have been exposed in its operation. It recommends, for example, abolition of the leave stage and more liberal rules on delay, discovery and cross-examination.

Whether one agrees with some or all of these or other conclusions is beside the point. What the committee has failed to do is to examine the conceptual basis of the present system. By confining its attention to a given procedural model it has ignored reforms of potential importance.

Judicial review still, undeniably, suffers from a rights-based orientation that frequently militates against the public

interest. Because we lack a right of legal action on behalf of the public such proceedings are often commenced by individuals whose advisers are, in reality, litigating private grievances under the umbrella of a public law procedure.

The committee could and should have considered those areas where argument on public law matters is artificially limited by the current regime. It is, for instance, notable that the report contains no discussion of Sir Harry Woolf's proposal for a Director of Civil Proceedings to monitor existing applications, ensure that the procedure is not abused and, where appropriate, commence proceedings himself.

There is, similarly, no examination of whether third-party intervention should be extended or the principles of judicial discretion modified so as to permit full argument in the public interest. Nor is there any

comparison between judicial review and procedures such as case stated or statutory appeal to investigate the possibility of the latter remedies being more appropriate for the resolution of certain routine challenges to many types of decision making.

Overall, the committee does not seem to have addressed its eminent collective mind to whether the public interest would be better served by a more sensitive procedure discriminating between cases that affect only a small section of the public and those that are truly "polycentric" in their effects where a conventional adversarial procedure obscures rather than clarifies the issues involved.

The most serious charge that the committee is vulnerable to is that it has not taken full advantage of the opportunity presented to transform the face of administrative law. Such a chance may not come quickly again.

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All developed legal systems seek to control the actions of public bodies. The United Kingdom has come to the task rather late.

Dicey never acknowledged that administrative law existed in this country and his ghost refuses to rest. Until the late 1970s challenges to the exercise of public powers were exceptional. With hindsight, it is clear that the sparseness of litigation was closely connected to the absence of any established mechanism for ventilating issues of public law.

Then, in 1977, came judicial review. The new procedure reflected the implementation of most of the recommendations of the Law Commission which had been considering public law remedies over the previous decade. To say that it revolutionized administrative law is to understate the obvious. There was an almost exponential rate of increase in the number of attacks on the decisions of public bodies. Practitioners suddenly abounded ready to invoke "the Wednesday principle" to assist Mrs Thatcher in rolling back the frontiers of the minimalist state.

Yet behind it still lurked the

smiling spectre of Dicey covertly warning against the dangers of a systematic public law regime.

In the years following the new remedy the flaws in the judicial review construct have become increasingly apparent. The distinction between public and private law is, essentially, substantive rather than procedural. Not surprisingly, public law cases tend to have effects extending well beyond the interests of the immediate parties which the predominantly adversarial "rules" of the judicial review machinery fail to cater for.

Regrettably, the Law Commission had only been granted a limited remit. In 1969 it had proposed a wide range of issues for consideration but the then Lord Chancellor aborted the proposed inquiry by merely inviting the Commission to "review the existing remedies for the judicial control of administrative acts and omissions with a

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Constructive trust claim is for share in patent under Act

Kakkar and Others v Seale and Others

Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Nicholls

[Judgment October 14]

A claim that an applicant for an European patent held the application, and the patent when granted, on constructive trust for himself and the claimant in such shares as to the court should seem meet was a claim to be granted a share in an European patent for the purposes of section 82(3) of the Patents Act 1977. The English court, therefore, had no jurisdiction to determine the claim where the applicant resided or had his principal place of business outside the United Kingdom.

The Court of Appeal so held by a majority in a reserved judgment (Lord Justice Parker dissenting), allowing an appeal by the fourth and fifth defendants, Ferring AB and Hassle AB (Swedish corporations), from Mr Justice Falconer who on July 30, 1987 had, inter alia, refused to strike out claims by the plaintiffs, Professor Vijay Vir Kakkar (Director of the Thrombosis Research Unit at King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, London), Dr Michael Finbarr Smyly, Dr Vincent Ellis (members of the unit), and the six trustees of the Thrombosis Research Trust ("the trust") that the fifth defendant held a European patent application (which had been assigned to it on the direction of the fourth defendant by the first and second defendants) Dr Michael Seale (Director of the Royal Postgraduate Medical

School, Hammersmith) and Dr David Michael Jones) on constructive trust for itself and for the trust in such shares as to the court should seem meet and that it would so hold any European patent granted pursuant to that application.

Section 82 of the 1977 Act provides: "(1) The court shall not have jurisdiction to determine a question to which this section applies except in accordance with the following provisions of this section. (2) This section applies to a question arising before the grant of a European patent whether a person has a right to be granted a European patent, or a share in any such patent. (3) The court shall have jurisdiction to determine any question to which this section applies... if either of the following conditions is satisfied, that is to say—(a) the applicant has his residence or principal place of business in the United Kingdom; or (b) the other party claims that the patent should be granted to him..."

Mr Robert Walker, QC and Mr Christopher White for the fourth and fifth defendants, Mr Leolin Price, QC and Mr James Daminion for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER, dissenting, said that section 82 only removed from the jurisdiction conferred by section 12(1) the question whether the applicant was entitled to be granted an European patent, either alone or with other persons; the basic question for which the provisions of section 82 were designed was whether the applicant was the inventor or his successor in title.

The plaintiffs' claims involved an assertion that it would be inequitable to allow the fifth defendant to assert full beneficial ownership of the application or any patent granted pursuant to it. A claim of that nature was not within section 82(3) at all.

His Lordship could not accept the defendants' submission that the claim was in substance within the subsection. The most that could be successfully contended was that the English court, in considering how the equity if made out was to be satisfied, would be precluded from any method which would involve the grant of a share in the European patent to the trust, but his Lordship could not see how that option would in any event be open.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the judge, in holding that the 1977 Act was not concerned with equitable interests, had gone too far. In *In re Casey's Patents* (1892) 1 Ch 104 it had been held that a person was entitled to register his equitable right or title to a one-third share of a patent, notwithstanding that the Act then in force prohibited the registration of "any notice of any trust expressed, implied or constructive".

If that decision was good law it destroyed the foundation of the plaintiffs' case that the 1977 Act was concerned only with legal interests.

The plaintiffs had sought unsuccessfully to distinguish *Casey*; his Lordship would hold, following that case, that a document which affected the proprietorship of a patent,

whether by creating trusts or otherwise, was not excluded from the register. If so it followed that a document or transaction which affected the proprietorship by giving rise to a constructive trust was not excluded either.

Furthermore, his Lordship could not accept the plaintiffs' argument that the language of section 82 was concerned only with the right to be named as grantee of an European patent, not with the beneficial interest in or under the patent when granted. That attached altogether too much significance to the word "grant".

Whenever might have been the position when patents were granted formally by the Sovereign under the Great Seal, today grant signified no more than the completion of the process whereby an application matured into a patent. What mattered today was the right to or in the patent, not the right to be named as grantee of the patent.

The judge had given too narrow a meaning to section 82. One had to look at the substance of the question, not at the procedure by which the patent was granted.

If the substance of the question arising before the grant of an European patent were "who is the true owner of the invention" then that was a question within section 82(3).

That was the substance of the question raised by the plaintiffs' claims in this case. It would be highly artificial, especially in the context of an international convention (the European Patent Convention), to draw a distinction between the owner

of an invention and the person entitled to the fruits of it. If a question as to the ownership of the invention were within section 82(3) so too would be a question as to the person entitled to its fruits.

The plaintiffs deplored the inconvenience and great absurdity of questions of English trust law being determined by Swedish courts, which was what would happen if section 82 deprived the English court of jurisdiction. That was no answer.

Any international convention must necessarily bring some inconvenience in its trail, but inconvenience in a particular case had to yield to the major convenience of having a single convention and a single system of law to which all the contracting states adhered.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS, agreeing, said that on a reading of the whole statement of claim what was being asserted was that, by one or other route, the trust was entitled to share with the fifth defendant in the European patent for which it had applied; they were jointly entitled to the patent.

The body of the statement of claim asserted an entitlement to an absolute share in the application and ensuing patent; that entitlement was said to arise in equity and to exist under a constructive or other trust. If that claim were well-founded the trust would be entitled to a grant of a share in the European patent.

While the trust was not actually claiming that relief, it was an entitlement, with the

trust being entitled to be registered as a co-proprietor with the fifth defendant, were the consequences which flowed from the issues raised and the relief actively claimed, then those issues would raise a question whether a person had a right to be granted a share in a European patent within section 82(3), whether or not there was a specific claim that the trust was entitled to be registered as a co-owner.

A plaintiff claiming an absolute share in a patent could not step outside section 82(3) by the simple expedient of confining his claim to a declaration that the applicant held the application and would hold the patent on trust for himself and the plaintiff in (say) equal shares. He did not put his case outside section 82(3) by taking care not to claim expressly consequences which would be entitled and which if claimed would bring his case within section 82(3).

Success on the substantive issue, of entitlement to a beneficial share in the patent, would entitle the trust to be a co-applicant with the fifth defendant and to be registered as co-proprietor of the patent.

Article 60 of the Convention provided that the right to an European patent belonged to the inventor or his successor in title. "Successor in title" had to bear a meaning wide enough to embrace the case where at the time of the making of the invention some other person was entitled to all or a share of the property in the invention.

Solicitors: Neidham & Grant; Bird & Bird; Goodman Derrick & Co

No right to stay of civil case

Guinness plc v Saunders and Another (Roux, Third Party)

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Staughton

[Judgment October 17]

There was no overriding right, based on the privilege against self-incrimination, to have a civil action stayed pending the conclusion of criminal proceedings.

It was for the defendant seeking to avail himself of the privilege to take specific objection on an application for discovery or at any other appropriate point in the interlocutory stages of the civil action.

The Court of Appeal, so held in dismissing an appeal by the first defendant, Mr Ernest Walter Saunders, against a decision of Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, who on January 19, had dismissed an application to stay proceedings brought by the plaintiffs, Guinness plc, against the first defendant and the second defendant, Mr Thomas Joseph Ward, in respect of a payment of £5.2 million alleged to have been misapplied by the defendants in their capacity as directors of the plaintiffs. Mr Oliver Raymond Guy Roux was joined by the first defendant as third party.

Mr Robert Webb, QC and Mr Philip Shepherd for Mr Saunders; Mr David Oliver, QC and Mr Philip Sales for Guinness.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that it was not said that any

part of the £5.2 million came to the first defendant's hand or stuck to his fingers. It was contended that there was a breach of duty on his part but it was not said that he took the money for his own benefit.

The Vice-Chancellor's order had been made in the exercise of his discretion and the Court of Appeal would interfere only on limited grounds.

His Lordship did not accept that passages in the speeches of Lord Fraser of Tullybelton and Lord Wilberforce in *Rank Film Distributors Ltd v Video Information Centre* (1982) AC 380, which included reference to the possibility that the provision of information on discovery or disclosure might set in train a process which could lead to incrimination or might lead to discovery of evidence of an incriminating character, were in any way directed towards the fundamental position of there being an overriding right to have proceedings stayed while criminal proceedings were pending.

The three main matters which fell to be dealt with before trial were discovery, the delivery of further and better particulars of the first defendant's defence and the giving of third-party directions.

There was nothing in those matters individually or collectively to lead to the conclusion that the court was justified in interfering with the Vice-Chancellor's discretion.

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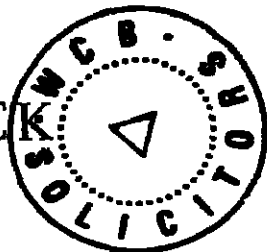
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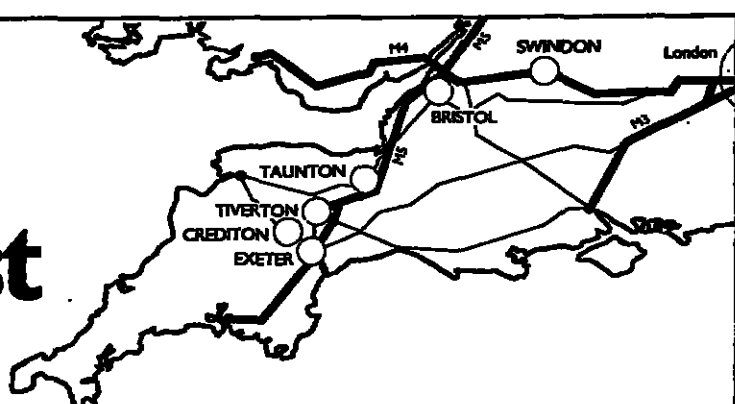
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Indispensable books of legal reference are not purely a labour of love, writes Edward Fennell

Being the kind of guy whose brain gets writer's cramp after penning a thousand words, I admire those who are able to produce fat tomes of professional authority full of insight and detail, imagine, for example, the years of endeavour and fortitude that went into the 450 pages of *Law and Practice of International Finance*, by Philip Wood, a partner in Allen & Overy.

Or how about the self-discipline and endurance that created the 500 pages of *Reward Management* co-authored by Helen Murlis, of Peat Marwick McLintock?

So, if you are seeking models of professional dedication, you may find them in the legal and financial publishers' list. Not everyone can write an authoritative text and we should give full respect to those who do.

In the end, of course, those gallant heroes and heroines of the word processor do get their reward. When they finally unplug their keyboards they can settle back content in the knowledge that they have secured for ever their two inches of glory on the

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I was mulling over all this last week at a party at the Inner Temple to mark the first issue of the *Crown Office Digest*, a Sweet & Maxwell bi-monthly publication that has been inspired by the High Court judges and the Crown Office itself.

The digest aims to provide up-to-date coverage of significant cases heard in the Crown Office and, as the Rt Hon Lord Justice Watkins commented, it will be "an easy way of finding out what has been determined across a wide range of subjects".

Among the digest's five co-editors is the barrister Richard Gordon, who is also labouring at the moment to produce for next spring the encyclopaedic *Crown Office Proceedings*, a loose-leaf reference text that is likely to become indispensable for anyone practising public law.

So what is it that motivates these literary lions?

"To begin with, I love writing," explains Mr Gordon, "but I also want to be able to look back at the end of my career and feel that I have contributed something, however small, to the progress of administrative law."

The Sweet & Maxwell publisher Carol Tullio, herself a barrister, is complimentary about Mr Gor-

don's dedication but points out that, with many of her authors, it is a matter of heavy persuasion before they can be lured into print. The "monument" motive ("leave something worthwhile behind you") works wonders with those who see their daily toil disappearing into the sand and want to make their mark for posterity.

There is always a chance, indeed, that you will come up with one of those brilliant texts that becomes a classic of its kind, such as Sir Robert Megarry's work on the Rent Act published originally in 1939 and about to be re-issued yet again. In any case, having a book to your name—especially if you are a younger lawyer or accountant—is a jolly good way of distinguishing yourself in a crowded profession.

Now that both accountants and solicitors have easier advertising regimes from their professional bodies book publishing is also a way of promoting a whole firm. Helen Murlis's *Reward Management* is actually published by Kogan Page in association with the Institute of Personnel Management and Peat Marwick McLintock. Peat's logo is emblazoned across the bottom of the cover.

"We're in the process of building a remuneration practice," explained Ms Murlis. "It's a field in which there is not much being published so we hope that *Reward Management* will become a standard text. All our own consultants

will be using it and I think that it should also be impressive to potential clients."

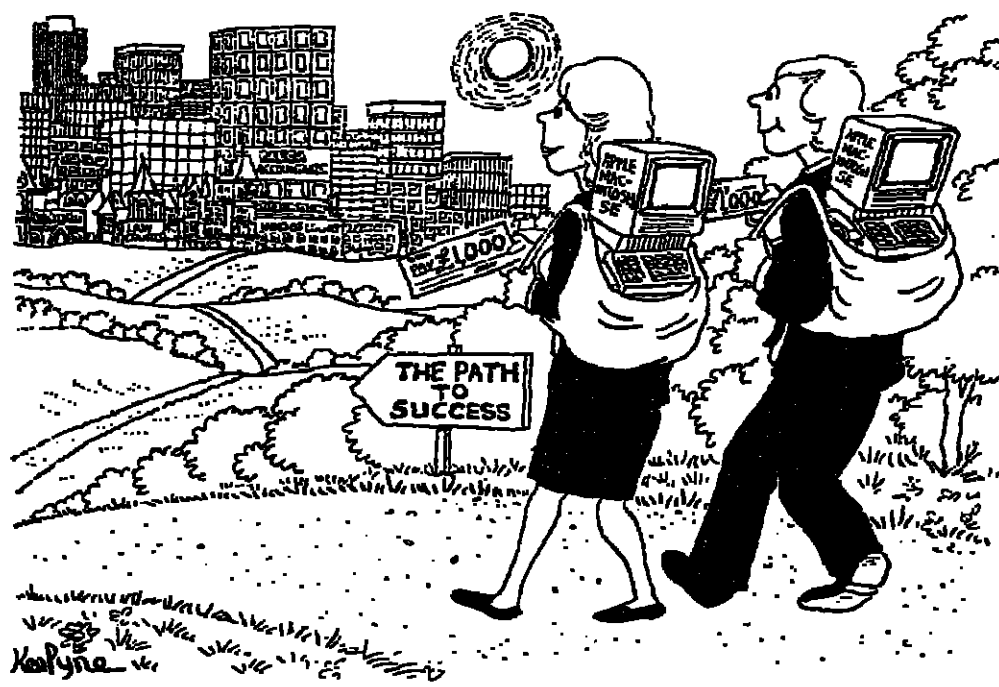
As it happens, Peat gave Ms Murlis quite a lot of help while she was writing but when Philip Wood was recently comparing his new epic, *The Law of English and International Set-Off*, to be published next spring, it was very much a solitary labour of love.

"It was a kind of curiosity and a wish to explain things to people which made me do it," said Mr Wood. "But, that said, demands on one's time are absolutely enormous. You always underestimate what is involved and I think you have to be either a lunatic or a fanatic to get it finished."

One way forward for practitioners who want to write is to get some kind of co-operation going with university departments. Britain lags behind other countries in links between legal academics and practitioners and Mr Wood would like to see more mutual support so that he and other people like him can get some academic back-up when producing what is likely to become a standard text.

"The complexity of writing a major book is such that it is almost impossible for one person to do by himself," said Mr Wood.

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Meanwhile, rumours are being floated about an Oppenheimers merger.

Also on the move, though rather less sensationally, is the Kent office of Peat Marwick McLintock. Abandoning its usual high-tech, office block environment, Peat's Maidstone office is decamping to Barham Court, an 18th-century

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BBC1

- 6.00** *Coffee AM*.
6.40 *Edgar Kennedy in An Apple in His Eye* (b/w). **6.55** *Weather*.
7.00 *Breakfast Time* with Kirsty Wark and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. **8.35** *Regional news and weather*.
9.00 *News and weather* followed by *Open Air*. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To participate ring 061-814 0434. **9.20** *Kilroy* Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
10.00 *News and weather* followed by *Going for Gold* (r). **10.25** *Neighbours*. Scott decides it is time to make an honest woman of Charlene. **10.55** *Five to Eleven*. Anne Stallybrass with a reading.
11.00 *News and weather* followed by *Open Air* presented by Patsy Caldwell and Eamonn Holmes.
12.00 *News and weather* followed by *Daytime Live*. Magazine series today's guests include Michael Caine. **12.55** *Regional news and weather*.
1.00 *One O'Clock News* with Michael Buerk. **1.30** *Neighbours*. Scott decides it is time to make an honest woman of Charlene. **1.50** *Going for Gold*.
2.15 *Film: On Your Toes* (1939, b/w) starring Edward G. Robinson. Comedy musical about a former music hall dancer who becomes involved with a Russian ballet troupe. Includes the celebrated jazz number *Slaughter on 10th Avenue*. Directed by Ray Enright.
3.50 *PC Penkerton* 4.00 *Fremantle* 4.10 *Ratman* with Albert Sully (r). **4.20** *Beat the Teacher*. Quiz game.

BBC2

- 9.00** *Coffee AM*. **9.20** *Daytime on Two*: Technical and Vocational Initiative's first four years. **10.00** *The beginning of school* years in Australia. **10.15** *Study Girl* 10.40 *Measurements*. **11.00** *IEA schools' performance of the Ramayana* 11.15 *Mary, Queen of Scots* 11.30 *The Christian faith* 12.30 *Cadillacs* 12.40 *The light engineering industry* 1.00 *Blending tea in Germany* 1.25 *King Radio* (r). **1.30** *Animal Fair* (r). **1.40** *Outlook*.
2.00 *News and weather* followed by *You and Me* (r). **2.15** *See Head* (r).
2.40 *International Soccer*. The *Roanians* Grand Prix. News and weather at 3.00 and 3.30.
5.30 *Gardeners' World*. Bonsai trees and a Chinese garden in the English countryside (r).
6.00 *Film: Trail Street* (1937, b/w) starring Randolph Scott and Robert Ryan. Western drama about a farmers' cattle drivers conflict, set in Kansas. Directed by Ray Enright.

ITV/LONDON

- 6.00** *TV-am* begins with *News* and *The Morning Programme* presented by Richard Keys and Kathryn Taylor. **7.00** *News* followed by *Good Morning Britain* introduced by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. **8.00** *News* and *After* news which includes *Martin* Thomas's second report on London Fashion Week.
9.25 *Runway*. Travel and general knowledge quiz game. **9.55** *Thames news and weather*. **10.00** *The Times*. **10.15** *The Times*. **10.30** *The Times*. **10.45** *The Times*. **11.00** *The Times*. **11.15** *The Times*. **11.30 *The Times*. **11.45 *The Times*. **12.00** *The Times*. **12.15 *The Times*. **12.30 *The Times*. **12.45 *The Times*. **1.00** *The Times*. **1.15** *The Times*. **1.30 *The Times*. **1.45** *The Times*. **2.00** *The Times*. **2.15** *The Times*. **2.30 *The Times*. **2.45** *The Times*. **3.00** *The Times*. **3.15** *The Times*. **3.30 *The Times*. **3.45** *The Times*. **4.00** *The Times*. **4.15** *The Times*. **4.30** *The Times*. **4.45** *The Times*. **5.00** *The Times*. **5.15** *The Times*. **5.30** *The Times*. **5.45** *The Times*. **6.00** *The Times*. **6.15** *The Times*. **6.30 *The Times*. **6.45 *The Times*. **7.00** *The Times*. **7.15 *The Times*. **7.30 *The Times*. **7.45 *The Times*. **8.00** *The Times*. **8.15 *The Times*. **8.30 *The 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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

AIDS drug agreement for Glaxo

Glaxo shares jumped 24p to 1109p yesterday on the news that the company had reached agreement with the University of Minnesota in the US for exclusive world-wide rights to carbovir, a drug being tested for use against the AIDS virus.

Airbus leader

Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, yesterday said he would like to see a businessman at the head of the Airbus consortium after the death of the former supervisory board chairman and West German politician, Herr Franz-Josef Strauss. But he did not say whether he would support a British candidate.

Highland up

Highland Distilleries, owner of Scotland's leading whisky, the Famous Grouse, revealed pre-tax profits up 18 per cent to £14.2 million on turnover up 8 per cent to £122 million. Earnings per share rose 17 per cent, and the dividend went up to 2.82p net.

Pension funds

The British Coal Pension Funds now hold 76.1 per cent of TR Industrial and General Trust, the £614 million investment trust.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2185.31 (+2.13)
Tokyo	Nikkei Average	27288.74 (-37.83)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	2583.56 (+0.59)
Amsterdam	AEX	280.0 (+0.2)
Sydney	ASX	1555.7 (+14.8)
Frankfurt	DAX	1800.3 (-1.5)
Brussels	BELX	5333.4 (+3.9)
Paris	CAC	380.5 (-0.5)
London	FT 30	1510.9 (+18.9)
FT-A All Share		965.06 (+9.36)
FT-100		1052.67 (+11.25)
FT Gold Mines		774.3 (+0.8)
FT Food Index		95.57 (+0.05)
FT Govt Secs		88.86 (+0.21)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISERS:	
Scottish & Newcastle	404p (+54p)
Assoc Newspapers	740p (+25p)
Bristol Quilcast	450p (+20p)
Capital Radio	457p (+20p)
Gresham House	445p (+20p)
Tate & Lyle	655p (+10p)
Thorn EMI	382p (+15p)
Lorhro	503p (+20p)
A Kershaw	790p (+10p)
Pochnis	133p (+15p)
Bass	270p (+11p)
Arthur Lee	270p (+11p)
Bassett Foods	505p (+20p)
AIM	505p (+20p)
G Oliver	505p (+20p)
Reckitt & Colman	211p (+10p)
Copson	211p (+10p)

FALLS:

Travis & Arnold	485p (-55p)
Grainier	457p (-22p)
Davies & Newman	615p (-10p)

Closing prices

Bargains	28945
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INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	12%
3-month interbank	12-11%
3-month eligible bills	11%-11%
buying rate	
US Prime Rate	10%
Federal Funds	9%
3-month Treasury Bills	7.34-7.32%
30-year bonds	102 1/2-102 1/2

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Shareholders urged to resist 'unwelcome and unacceptable offer'

S&N to fight £1.6bn Elders bid

By Cliff Feltham

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, best known for its McEwans and Young's beers, was fighting for its independence last night after a hostile £1.6 billion takeover bid from the Australian-based Foster's Lager empire of Elders IXL.

Mr Allick Rankin, chief executive of Scottish & Newcastle, urged his shareholders to resist the offer, which values each share at 400p, describing the terms as "unwelcome and unacceptable."

Scottish & Newcastle shares soared to 438p before falling back to 403p for a rise of 53p on the day, as speculation grew that the bid would be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr John Elliott, the head of Elders IXL, admitted he was taking a "calculated risk" that his bid would not be referred to the MMC. Observers think the bid could well prompt the sort of political furor caused by Nestle's takeover of Rowntree.

Last night Mr Rankin expressed scepticism about assurances by Elders that Scottish & Newcastle's headquarters would remain in Edinburgh. "If the bid is successful we will become a subsidiary com-

pany. How can we have a headquarters in Edinburgh when Elders is based in Melbourne? That is where decisions will be made," he said.

Mr Ron Brown, Labour MP for Leith, urged the Monopolies Commission to examine the bid. "This attempt to take over one of the major companies in Scotland should be blocked," he said.

Elders IXL already owns a substantial slice of the British beer market after its £1.4 billion acquisition of the

Courage brewing business in 1983, and has built a 9.6 per cent stake in Scottish & Newcastle. If the bid is successful the merged group would have about a 20 per cent market share in Britain against 22 per cent held by Bass.

Mr Elliott said Scottish & Newcastle would gain from joining forces with a powerful clutch of brands such as Courage's range of lagers - Foster's, Kronenbourg 1664, and Miller Lite.

Elders plans to separate Scottish & Newcastle's chain of 2,300 pubs from its breweries, as it did with Courage, and float them on the London stock market. A loan note

alternative accompanying the current offer would give shareholders the chance to convert into shares in the new company, Elders Brewing Group.

The offer values Scottish & Newcastle at 19.7 times historic earnings, nearly double the rating for rivals such as Bass and Whitbread, and compares with a price of 224p in February when Elders had been spotted buying the shares.

Elders had unsuccessfully attempted to negotiate a reverse takeover of Scottish & Newcastle at a series of meetings this summer.

Mr Elliott said yesterday he had secured a £1 billion line of credit, arranged with so far unidentified banks, to mount the bid. The balance would be met from internal lines of credit.

If the deal goes through, Elders is expected to sell Scottish & Newcastle's Thistle Hotels chain which has more than 30 hotels - eight in central London. A price of up to £600 million has been estimated for the business.

Last year Scottish & Newcastle made profits before tax of £115 million on turnover of more than £900 million. Its breweries are based in Edinburgh, Newcastle upon Tyne, Nottingham, Manchester, Blackburn, and Masham.

Brewers take courage at second market slot

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Merging of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries and Elders would catapult Mr John Elliott's British interests, which include Courage, as well as Elders with its Foster's Lager, firmly into the number two slot among British brewers.

It would leave Bass still leading the field with about 22 per cent of the market and most crucially with a quarter of the larger sector where the main growth in beer lies. Bass sales overall are still virtually on a plateau but lager has been growing at the expense of ale.

Until now Bass has had a substantial lead on the next biggest brewer, Allied-Lyons, which has about 14.5 per cent market share.

Elders with Courage is esti-

mated to have 9.6 per cent of the total beer market, 8 per cent of the ale sector and 10 per cent of the lager sector. Taking in S&N would bring the total share of the market by Elliott interests to 20.6 per cent, including at least 19 per cent of the ale sector and between 18 and 19 per cent of the lager market.

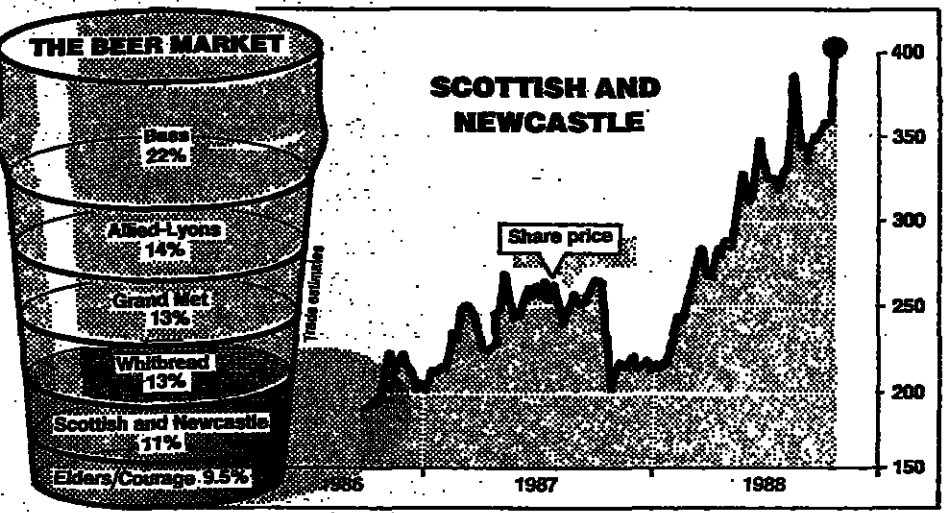
Some estimates suggest S&N has as much as 13 per cent of the ale sector. The two other big players in the beer market, running neck and neck, are Whitbread and Grand Metropolitan. GrandMet's operations include Watney, Mann and Truman.

Each has about 13 per cent market share, with Whitbread slightly stronger in ale and

GrandMet running at about 16 per cent in lager. GrandMet also has a licence to brew Foster's and is involved in sales for Carlsberg, the Danish lager brewers with production at Northampton - links which probably give GrandMet about 20 per cent of the lager sector.

GrandMet would consequently still remain number two to Bass in lager even after an Elders-S&N merger but Elders has been growing fast through the Foster's brand. Foster's now has about 8 per cent of the lager market and is racing Carlsberg for the number three position.

In lager Bass's Carling Black Label is leader with an estimated 12 per cent share.



Rothermere offer to shareholders

By Martin Waller

Lord Rothermere's family-controlled Daily Mail and General Trust is offering 765p a share to holders of the half-stake in Associated Newspapers, the Daily Mail, Mail on Sunday, and Evening Standard group, which the Trust does not already own.

The offer values Associated at £1.02 billion. The bid will simplify the publishing group's ownership structure while moving it further under the control of the Rothermere family. It is assured of success, with the Trust sitting on 49.95 per cent of Associated and its

directors and family owning another 0.7 per cent.

The aim was to remove the discount at which the Trust is trading to net assets in the market, said Mr John Hemmings, a director of the Trust.

Associated's shares shot ahead from 503p to 740p on the news, while the Trust's rose £8 to £36.50p. Shareholders are being offered a historic exit multiple of 25.7 times, based on Associated's pretax profits for the year to end-September 1987 of £36.9 million.

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Carless and Ryan merger called off

By Carol Ferguson

Ryan International, the coal group, has withdrawn its support for the agreed merger with Carless, the independent oil company. Carless, meanwhile, has announced a further acquisition - the £8.6 million purchase of Hunting Petroleum Services' lubricants business.

Ryan's withdrawal clears the way for Kelt Energy's hostile £207 million bid, which was launched on Friday on condition that the merger with Ryan did not go ahead. However, Kelt condemned the Hunting buy, and said that

it gave Kelt the right to drop its bid. Mr Alasdair Locke, deputy chairman of Kelt said: "This is clearly a move designed to frustrate our bid and is clearly outside the spirit of the takeover rules." He said that Kelt has complained vigorously to the panel.

Mr Ian Clubb, Carless's managing director, regretted the action of the Ryan board in withdrawing its support for the merger and the offer for Ryan would now lapse. 40 per cent of Ryan shareholders had sent in acceptances of the Carless offer.

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Footballer with a goal: John Elliott of Elders IXL yesterday (Photograph: James Gray)

S&N PROFILE

Headquarters: Edinburgh
Annual beer production: 4 million barrels

Beers (main brands):
McEwans Export and Lager
William Younger's Tartan
Kestrel Lager
Newcastle Brown/Exhibition
Theakston's
Harp Lager (brewed under licence)
Bock's (distributed under licence)

Breweries:
Edinburgh
Newcastle upon Tyne
Manchester
Home Brewery, Nottingham
Matthew Brown, Blackburn
Theakston's of Masham

Public houses:
Total of 2,134, of which 849 are managed, 1285 tied (including 30 in London)

Hotels:
34 Thistle Hotels, all four-star, including the Royal Horse Guards and The Tower - both London - and Gosforth Park, Newcastle upon Tyne

Scots in call for a referral

BY Our City Staff

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland, appeared to back Scottish & Newcastle in its attempts to fight off a takeover by Elders.

"Scottish & Newcastle are an important company with deep roots in Scotland," he said last night.

"There are strong arguments for referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission," Mr Rifkind

said he attached considerable importance to attracting and maintaining companies with their headquarters in Scotland.

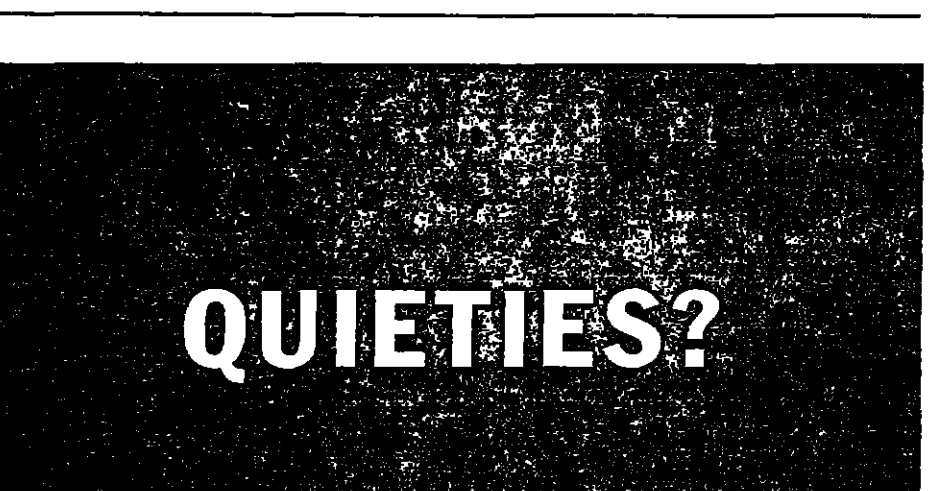
"Clearly, the Director General of Fair Trading will have to consider very carefully all the information which Scottish & Newcastle puts before him."

Mr Donald Dewar, the Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mr Gordon

Wilson, the leader of the Scottish National Party, also called for the bid to be referred to the Commission.

Mr Bill Spiers, deputy general secretary of the Scottish Trades Union Congress, commented: "My first reaction is that this bid would be damaging to Scotland."

"I know Elders are making promises, but we have had promises before in this situation."



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Birmid Qualcast agrees to higher Blue Circle bid

By Alexandra Jackson

The board of Birmid Qualcast has finally agreed to a takeover bid from Blue Circle, just eight months after fighting off the cement group in a desperately close run bid battle.

The new terms value Birmid at £330 million and each Birmid share at 450p. There is a loan note and convertible preference share alternative. Blue Circle's average acquisition cost is 410p a share or £300.6 million.

The deal will create an important new force in the home products market, by merging Birmid's cookers, boilers and lawnmowers' operations with the sanitaryware interests of Armitage Shanks, under the leadership of Blue Circle Industries, Britain's largest cement producer.

Blue Circle's earlier bid for Birmid, worth £275 million, failed in February, but left the cement group with a 43.3 per cent shareholding in Birmid.

Mr Tommy Macpherson, chairman of Birmid, said the new factors which made the board able to recommend Blue Circle's offer were the price, the convertible share alternative, and undertakings given by Blue Circle about the



Successful deal: David Poole (left) and Peter Prateley, yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

management structure of the new home products division.

Mr Peter Prateley, chief executive of Birmid, is to be chief executive of the new division and a board member of Blue Circle. It will have sales of about £350 million

compared to Blue Circle's British and American building products activities' sales of £400 million and £450 million respectively.

Mr Prateley said: "Blue Circle has made an intelligent acquisition taking the group

into a new and exciting area." Mr David Poole, managing director of Blue Circle said the bid was agreed following talks between the two companies during which a greater understanding of each others businesses had resulted.

He said Blue Circle was keen to build on this home products area and would be seeking other opportunities throughout Europe.

Birmid Qualcast's products include New World gas cookers, Potterton boilers and Atco, Webb and Qualcast lawnmowers. It has an 8 per cent stake in the industrial lawnmower business, Ramsones Sims and Jefferies. This holding is thought to be a block to a third party bid rather than a takeover prospect for Birmid itself. A likely area for expansion, however, is electrical goods, particularly cookers, to complement Birmid's existing range.

Mr Poole said Blue Circle's move was made possible by the changes in the group's management structure and style, the most important being the response to the break up of the cement manufacturers' common price agreement.

Sir John Milne, chairman of Blue Circle said "We are delighted to have the full support for the Birmid Qualcast board. We now have an important presence in the manufacture and marketing of household products."

COMMENT: David Brewerton

Beer bid opens to the sound of broken glass

Dealers were in no rush to bid for Scottish & Newcastle shares up too far yesterday in contrast to their reaction to most hostile bids. There are two reasons for this unusually sanguine behaviour. John Elliott of Elders had telegraphed his intentions for so long that there was already a bid premium in S&N shares. When it came, it was only 14 per cent above Friday's market price but, as Elders was at pains to emphasize, 88 per cent above the level in February before Mr Elliott had to disclose his hand.

More to the point, the market evidently thinks that there is more than an even chance of a bid by one of the brewing majors for another being referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Market lore had it that a merger between southern-oriented Courage and northern-based S&N might be the one exception to this rule. But the objection to any thought of a friendly merger with the Foster's brigade by S&N's Alick Rankin has made Mr Elliott do it the hard way and that makes things different.

After the Distillers episode, Scottish voters will not be seduced by the promise of the combined group being headquartered in Edinburgh. The tempting hint in Elders' junk bond alternative that a requested world-wide Elders Brewing Group might somehow be based in Scotland will look even less credible, not least because Mr Elliott's planned restructuring and hiving-off exercises at Courage ended up as an incestuous group deal.

The relative priorities of Lord Young and Malcolm Rifkind, the Scottish Secretary, will probably decide whether the bid is referred to the MMC. If there is no reference, S&N clearly has a fight on its hands, if not to fight off the initial bid, then to counter any higher offer. The market would like 450p. A multiple of almost 20 times' earnings at 400p is itself high for a brewer. Mr Rankin will no doubt stress the integration of his own recent acquisitions. S&N's hotels, which Mr Elliott wants to sell, should also help boost asset value and enable Mr Rankin to do his own notional break-up valuation.

But Elders has already made it clear it will attack S&N's main business if necessary. Much of the argument will be about lager. Elders insists S&N is woefully deficient at the low end of the lager market which is Elders' prime strength and which has been the growth area in beer for so long that it surely cannot go on much longer. In Cabinet and on the stock market, it could be a lousiest battle.

Shoppers cool off

Better news this week from the economic indicator panel after last week's acceleration in average earnings. Retail sales last month fell 1 per cent in volume, the first fall this year.

Caution in interpreting the figures is

in order. Although the figures are seasonally adjusted, this is a volatile series which saw a very big jump in July and last month's fall may partly be a reaction to that. Taking the last three months together, the volume of sales rose 2 per cent on the previous three months and 6 per cent on the same period a year earlier — hardly clear evidence of a slow-down.

The figures do, however, help to confirm the latest survey of retailers by the Confederation of British Industry. This suggested that the rise in interest rates may have cooled shoppers' enthusiasm a little. Looking forward, retailers now expect sales to grow less rapidly than in recent months.

Further straws in the wind will blow in the door towards the end of the week with the publication of figures for bank lending and mortgage commitments. The Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, has said he expects signs that the economy slowing down to a more sustainable rate to first emerge in the housing market, so the market's eyes will be trained on the building society figures. Commitments peaked in June at £5.7 billion and fell to £4 billion in August. But any deceleration in spending in the high street is likely to take quite a while before it is reflected in lower imports and a smaller trade deficit.

The real cost of credit

The ease with which instant credit can be obtained by strolling down the high street pales into insignificance compared with the ease with which people can stack up huge mortgages.

The Lambeth Building Society, for instance, will lend mortgages at three and a half times the main income, plus one and three quarters the second income. That means two people earning £12,000 and £10,000 could get a mortgage of £59,500.

Even with the advantage of Lambeth's "special offer", the monthly payment is reduced from £630 to £589 for a repayment mortgage of £59,500 over 25 years.

Two people earning £12,000 and £10,000 would have £1,282 after tax and national insurance. If they took on the maximum mortgage, this would leave them with just £652 a month.

The latest Family Income Expenditure Survey (1986) puts the monthly expenditure of a couple without children at £1,087.49 a month without the cost of housing.

Mr Robert Cousins, assistant general manager of the Lambeth, adds that the society insists that high income multiple borrowers also take out insurance against defaulting on the mortgage because of accident, illness or unemployment. That would be another £30 a month for the pair borrowing £59,500.

"People are prepared to stretch themselves. It does mean that they have to make sacrifices. But that is up to them."

Is this responsible lending?

Saunders appeal dismissed

The Court of Appeal yesterday dismissed an appeal by Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman and chief executive, to have a case brought against him by Guinness frozen until after his criminal trial.

Mr Saunders is being sued by Guinness over a £52 million payment to Mr Thomas Ward, his co-director on the Guinness board. He was appealing against a High Court ruling in January that the case could proceed.

Mr Saunders had argued that facts thrown up by the civil proceedings could prejudice his criminal trial.

Mr Robert Webb QC, for Mr Saunders, said that in the High Court judgement in January the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, ordered safeguards to ensure his client was given a fair criminal trial arising from the Guinness affair. These included an indication that the criminal proceedings, scheduled for mid-1989 and expected to last six months, should be heard first.

The safeguards were "unsatisfactory both in law and in practice," Mr Webb said.

Mr Webb had applied for the appeal against the Vice-Chancellor's order to be heard in camera.

The Vice-Chancellor had recognized that Mr Saunders' fears about reports of the civil action prejudicing the criminal trial were justified and had ordered that future applications, such as yesterday's, should be heard in private.

But Lords Justices Dillon, Butler-Sloss and Staughton, rejected Mr Webb's application. The Court of Appeal only heard cases in camera in exceptional circumstances, Lord Justice Dillon said.

Chartsearch property move with Burford bid

By Wolfgang Mänschau

Chartsearch, the publisher of *Penny Share Focus*, a financial newsletter, is moving into the property market through an agreed paper and cash bid of £36 million for Burford Group, the much larger commercial property developer.

Both companies are quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, but Burford's market capitalization of about £47 million is nearly twice as high as Chartsearch's.

Mr Nigel Wray, deputy chairman of Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank, who became chairman of Chartsearch in July after his acquisition of a 44 per cent stake in the company, said: "The reason why newsletter and property go together is

me. I like newsletters, and I like properties. There is no direct logic but it fits nicely because it is a purely cash flow business."

To finance the deal Chartsearch announced that it may have to increase its share capital by 79.3 million shares, about 65 per cent of its share capital.

The market appeared to have discarded the paper element of the bid completely, according to which Burford shares would be worth about 411p at yesterday's close.

Burford's share price fell in the aftermath of the announcement to 381p, down from 398p, although it hit 393p at one stage. The fall in the share price reflects the value of the

cash alternative offer. News of the looming rights issue has also hit Chartsearch shares, which fell to 65p from 72p.

Chartsearch's principal offer involves 19 new Chartsearch shares for three Burford shares. The cash alternative of £10.80 plus one Chartsearch share for every three shares in Burford. There is also a loan note option.

Chartsearch said it had received irrevocable undertakings of about 80 per cent of Burford's share capital.

In the year to June Burford doubled pre-tax profits to £1.55 million, on a turnover of £18.7 million. Burford now estimates pre-tax profits of £2 million for the six months to December.

Young: no Clowes cover-up

By Colin Narborough

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has promised there will be no cover-up of his department's handling of Barlow Clowes, the crashed investment firm.

The results of the inquiry held by Sir Godfrey Le Quesne into the DTT's role in licensing Barlow Clowes, due to be published on Thursday, was the "most open report ever", he told reporters at a Westminster business conference.

There would be follow-up action to the findings, he said, but did not elaborate. Asked if any prosecutions would be brought, he said that Mr Peter Clowes had already been charged.

"But I do not expect the DPP (Director of Public Prosecutions) to be charging

my colleagues," he added lightly.

Lord Young is expected to provoke a political storm on Thursday by announcing that the Government has ruled out immediate compensation to the 18,000 victims of the £190 million Barlow Clowes crash. Sir Anthony Barrowclough, the Ombudsman, is expected to be invited to investigate the case, further delaying a settlement.

Lord Young commented that there had been a lot of speculation about the contents of the Le Quesne report, not all of which had been well informed.

Addressing the conference earlier, he declared his support for a greater distinction between the amateur and professional investors when regulating the financial ser-

vices sector. His remark comes as the Securities and Investments Board, overseer of the new regulatory framework, prepares to issue a revised, simplified rule book this month.

Mr Stanislas Yassukovich, chairman of The Securities Association, welcomed Lord Young's stance.

He wanted tighter rules for amateurs, including individual registration with the self-regulating organizations of everyone dealing in financial instruments.

Mr John Dyer, a spokesman for the investors, called on Lord Young to announce that he was setting up a compensation fund which would include some public money. Financial institutions with an interest in the case would be prepared to contribute, he predicted.

Times of trouble for BCCI

News of the arrest of several key executives of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International has so far been withheld from its founder and president, Agha Hasan Abedi, who underwent heart transplant surgery at Magdi Yacoub's Harfield clinic last March. Although back in his London home, Abedi has not fully recovered from the severe stroke he suffered earlier this year. The drug-related charges involving his executives in America and Europe are the most serious the bank has had to face. But BCCI's offices in Kenya, India and some other Third World countries have, in the past, been charged with foreign exchange and other irregularities. The Central Bank of Kenya once exacted more than \$30 million (£17 million) in fines from BCCI before it released two bank executives from detention in Nairobi. And the Indian government turned down Abedi's request to establish BCCI branches near his birth place, Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, and other Indian cities. The lone branch of BCCI in India is located in Bombay. However, BCCI has enjoyed a close friendship with Pakistan's President Zia. Before he died in a plane crash in August this year, Zia ordered his finance minister, Dr Mahbub Hq, to allow BCCI to set up a large merchant bank in Pakistan in addition to the numerous branches it already has there.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

As Lime goes by...

Oliver Vaughan, the 1960s sociologist who, with his brother Tom, runs the discotheque group Juliana's Holdings, is clearly no expert on old movies, despite the opening on Thursday this week of the group's fifth club, Harry Lime's Show Bar in Portofino. Harry Lime? For the ambience of this theme bar is evocative of post-war Vienna, as depicted in the *The Third Man*, the Carol Reed classic? No. "It's got a sort of

Casablanca in the 1930s feel, all ceiling fans, greenery and striped wooden floors," explains Vaughan helpfully. Casablanca? Yes, the Orson Welles film, you know? That was set all over the world, wasn't it? Yes, the Orson Welles film. But it was actually set in post-war Vienna. "Oh, we got someone in to do outside research about this. Perhaps it was another Orson Welles film. I'll have to go away and check again," Vaughan concludes.

My, my

The Japanese have, I am told, developed the curious habit of preceding a number of English



"Crocodile Dundee on the blower — wants to know if he'll have to learn to speak Geordie or Gaelic."

words with "My". Thus there are now advertisements all over their country for "My Honda Car" and "My City Homes". The Kinki Bank in central Japan, based in the wonderfully named Kinki District, there is not immune to this trend. Outside a branch in Tokyo is a big sign saying — you've guessed it — "My Bank, My Kinki."

Fast reaction

A rare moment of humour caused by the Stock Exchange. Dealers in the City were yesterday reading on their computerized information screens about the plight of Liverpool footballer Jan Molby, who has been jailed for three months and banned from driving for 12, when Topic — the information system operated by the Exchange — put up the news flash: "Carless Plc."

Circle of friends

Peter Prateley, chief executive of Birmid Qualcast, will find himself among friends when he starts his new job as a main board director of Blue Circle Industries, in charge of the group's enlarged home products division. For marketing man Prateley used to work for Shanks, now part of Armitage Shanks, BCT's sanitaryware business, which will comprise a large part of his new division. Those with long memories may recall that two years after the merger of Shanks with Armitage in 1969 — it was taken over by BCI 10 years later — Prateley was headhunted to join Birmid Qualcast, of which he became chief executive last year. From that position Prateley fought off a bid from Blue Circle at the turn of the year, leaving Blue Circle with its 43.4 per cent shareholding. But Birmid's board is now recommending Blue Circle's latest £330 million bid. And Prateley's principle of always leaving a job on good terms has stood him in good stead.

Down and out

Despite the underlying strength of the British economy, both our contenders in the eighth Monopoly world championships in London have eliminated themselves by going bankrupt. But reigning world champion Jason Bunn, and current British champion Mike Grabsky, may well have been disorientated. The Park Lane Hotel, where they were playing, is in fact in Piccadilly, which cuts its value from £1,500 to £1,200 at a stroke.

Carol Leonard

Expansion for Great Southern

Great Southern Group, the funerals business, has announced the purchase of another four small private companies.

It is buying Maskell & Uden, of Ramsgate, Kent, along with FJ Zealley & Sons and John D. Andrews & Son — both of Devon — and Edward Lewis Wickes of South London. The total paid for the four is £717,000 in cash.

Great Southern has also bought the outstanding interest in Morecambe & Heysham Funeral Service. It acquired 25 per cent in April. The cost, including a related property, was £200,000.

BTR details

BTR Nylex, the Australian subsidiary of BTR, yesterday released details of the combined share and cash offer for its NZ\$935.2 million (£350 million) bid for Feltrax International, the New Zealand carpets, textiles and furniture manufacturer. Feltrax shareholders will receive one Nylex ordinary share plus NZ\$8.00 in cash for every six Feltrax shares, which values each Feltrax share at NZ\$33.20.

Thorn selling

Thorn EMI has agreed to sell its 70 per cent interest in Thorn EMI Electronics, Australia, including C3, the software house to AWA, for Aus\$25.15 million (£11.6 million) in cash. The company's defence electronics interests in Britain are not affected.

Quota hopes boost oil price

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The world oil price has firmed on the expectation that Opec

is about to agree a new output quota system which will come into force after the cartel's ministerial meeting on November 21.

The price for North Sea Brent crude has risen in the past week to about \$13.80 a barrel. This figure is still far short of the Opec target price of \$18, but far above the \$10 mark which many traders had been anticipating a week ago.

and it has eased the pressure on Opec.

Members of the Opec price and monitoring committee are due to meet for three days at the Algerian Embassy in Madrid, beginning on Thursday, but arrangements have been made to extend the meeting, if necessary.

The new overall quota that the members of the Gulf Cooperation Council will seek is higher than the existing Opec quota of 17.75 million barrels

a day, but is lower than the present output, which is more than 20.5 million barrels a day.

The new quota would be more enforceable than the present system, but details of how Opec would police this have not been announced.

However, oil traders are still waiting for a firm commitment from Opec that it will enforce the quota agreements before they will confirm that prices could rise further.

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6	Midland	Breweries	
7	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
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BRISTOL

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A SPECIAL REPORT
By Michael Hatfield

The port that grew rich on rum and slaves is thriving again, but its new wealth is bringing problems

Boom city



Panorama of prosperity: Bristol's growth is welcomed by businessmen such as Alistair Bond, an estate agent. Others resist further development

Bristol lies in the prosperous South-West of England, a region so attractive that in 1986 about 83,000 people, mainly from the South-East, packed their bags and moved in. It has been called "boom city" and the description is no exaggeration.

The city grew rich on rum, slaves, sugar and tobacco and by the mid-18th century was the leading English city and port outside London.

Today it is riding the crest of an economic wave. People and companies have been drawn to it not only by the boom but by the attractive environment. The regional capital of the South-West, the city bustles with activity. Prosperity over the years has endowed it with many impressive buildings and structures.

The city is one of the most dynamic centres for tourism in Britain, with natural boundaries of the Cotswolds, Salisbury Plain, Mendips and Quantocks, the Severn estuary and the Wye Valley.

But lately it is as a centre of commerce and industry that Bristol has captured attention. Development has brought about a regeneration of the area — and concomitant problems. Such has been the boom that some people see a danger of the local economy over-heating.

Although the regional Council

THE BASICS

On April 1, 1974, Bristol became one of the districts of the new county of Avon and is the largest non-metropolitan district in England and Wales.

Area: 10,954 hectares
Population: 391,500
Parliamentary constituencies: Bristol East, J. Sayeed (C); N. West, M.C. Stern (C); South, Ms D. Primarolo (Lab); West, W. A. Waldegrave (C); Kingswood, R. Hayward (C); Euro MP, R. Cottrell (C)
City council: Labour 39, Conservative 24, Democrat 5

Federation of British Industry believes that point has not been reached, the business and industrial communities are concerned about the shortage of skilled labour. Unemployment is below the national average: 7.5 per cent in the travel-to-work area.

An influx of insurance companies, banking institutions, high-tech firms and property developers has led to heavy demand for office, industrial and retail space. Commercial estate agents such as Alistair Bond, a partner in Hartnell, Taylor and Cook, believe that more land will have to be made available if the momentum is to be maintained.

What land is to be made available and for what purpose has caused controversy. Bristol City Council is petitioning a House of Lords select committee against a government decision to create an Urban Development Corporation, set up to redevelop a 1,000-plus acre swathe of land that takes in part of the city centre and spreads across to the east.

As with other development corporations, Bristol UDC has been given super-planning powers by the Government to bypass local authorities and speed decision-making.

The Government decided on the UDC because of the amount of derelict land in the area. Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, said that "what almost all the key sites have in common is that they have remained unused or under-used, despite being the subject of a developer's interest... it is in the national interest that a UDC be established in order that the area is regenerated and its development potential realized."

But the Labour-controlled city council is crying foul. It says the UDC would remove the democratic decision-making process from the city, that development would remove some traditional small businesses, and that both could create imbalance in the city's economic infrastructure.

More pointedly, the council says there are no guarantees that local people would benefit from UDC develop-

ments. It has expressed concern about the future of thousands of jobs already created within the UDC's proposed area of competence.

The area being considered includes housing, public open space, shopping and thriving industrial and commercial premises, providing about 234,000 jobs. These sites, the council says, "do not need substantial change".

The Bristol fathers fear that small businesses could be swept aside for high-cost housing which the average Bristolian could not afford. Nevertheless, the UDC has been allocated about £15 million for development — way beyond the resources of the council, which missed re-capping by £80,000 this year.

The feared imbalance that could result from the city's continued development has been partially realized. Traffic congestion is beginning to build up, placing a strain on the transport system — about 150,000 people work in the city centre. Near 24,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost in the area over the past 10 years: food, drink, tobacco and printing and packaging businesses, and engineering works have all contracted.

While the city's biggest employer, British Aerospace, is buoyant once more — indeed, facing recruitment problems — and high-tech companies such

as Hewlett Packard and Du Pont Electronics have moved into the area, it is the service sector that has really fuelled the boom.

Bristol is now the headquarters of major insurance companies such as Sun Life, London Life, Clerical, Medical and General and Sun Alliance Phoenix, as well as being an important stock-broking centre and home to all the major accountancy firms and a host of spin-off activities. It is also a legal centre of note.

The turnover of office and clerical staff is considerable — running at 20 per cent, according to Gilliam Camm of Hay Management Consultants.

Some firms have started back-to-work campaigns to recruit mothers and early retirees to stabilize their work forces. And some building firms are having to import labour from Birmingham.

A warning note was sounded by Christopher Geoghegan, director and general manager of the British Aerospace civil aircraft division, about recruiting apprentices. "We have had to completely re-define our recruitment and training strategy because of the shortage of apprentices coming forward; young people have been caught up by the media attention on the financial services and the salaries that can be earned."

While such comments are symptoms of boom conditions, Christopher Curtis, regional director of the CBI, said there was no sign of over-heating so far in the area, if over-heating was seen as providers in goods and services being unable to meet demand. "We have a very diverse economy in the Bristol area," he explained. "We showed how resilient we are by surviving the recession better than most."

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Wings for the high-flyers

The aircraft industry symbolizes the city's achievement in opening up the frontiers of technology

British Aerospace plans to more than treble its production of wings for the Airbus Industrie A320 at its Filton factory, Bristol — from 36 sets to between 110 and 130.

This latest development in BAE's activities was announced by Bob McKinlay, managing director of the Civil Aircraft division, at a ceremony at which the company received the Queen's Award for Technological Achievement for design and development of the wing for the A320 aircraft.

BAE's achievement symbolizes the Bristol area's tradition of maintaining a strong presence on the frontiers of new technology. BAE, or its predecessors, are part of Bristol's manufacturing culture. Newcomers down the road from the airfield, such as Hewlett Packard, are helping to continue that tradition.

A city council report on employment prospects in the area says traditional manufacturing industries are likely to continue to lose jobs, though at a lower rate than in recent years. The report adds: "However, high technology and some manufacturing companies still offer scope for growth, if they can be attracted to the area, while the stability of the aerospace sector can be expected to safeguard a large element of the manufacturing workforce."

The recent BAE announcement underpins that stability. As well as a plan to step up production to 62 sets of wings next year and 88 sets in 1990, Mr McKinlay said that the

the production programme of the super-quiet BAe 146 having been closely involved in the detail design and test phase of the aircraft's centre fuselage section, tailplane, aircraft furnishings and flight test instrumentation.

Its involvement in the Airbus has grown rapidly. BAE is a 20-per-cent partner in the European Airbus Industrie consortium, and is primarily responsible for design and production of all Airbus wings.

Its involvement with the F-111 swing-wing fighter bombers, based in Britain, came about after Concorde sales failed to take off and the aircraft division had to search for new work.

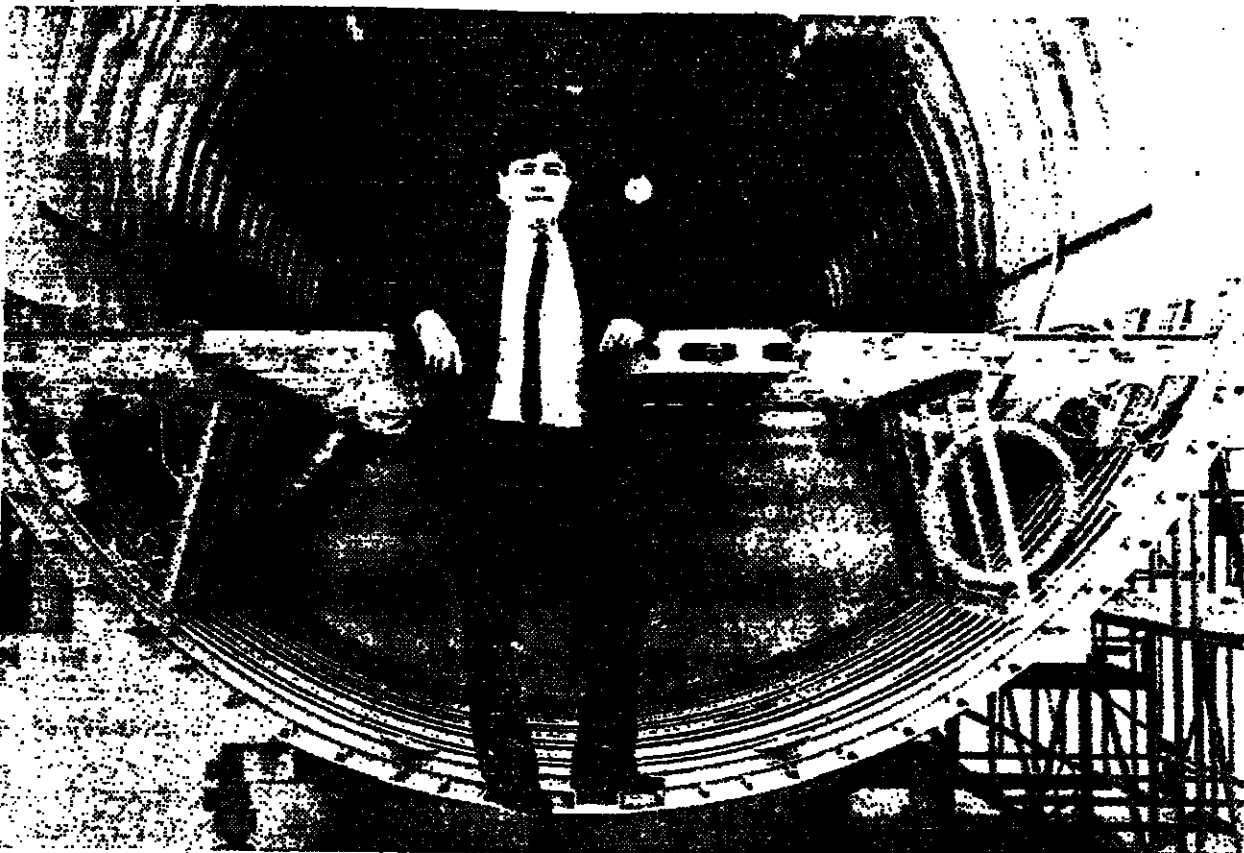
By mid-1987, about 200 F-111s had been in Filton for major maintenance.

The main business of the BAE dynamics division is the design, development and production of naval surface weapons and systems. BAE has recently concentrated its underwater research, development and production at Bristol.

A new £2 million building provides facilities for the design, testing and assembly of underwater equipment, particularly in the areas of anti-submarine warfare, mines and anti-mine devices, where BAE has an expanding range of products for the international defence market.

Another recipient of a Queen's Award — for Export 1987 — is Hewlett Packard, which is expanding its operations in Bristol.

The Bristol company was



Soaring success: Christopher Geoghagan, general manager of British Aerospace, Bristol, with a BAe 146 fuselage

Winning home of high-tech

Hewlett Packard, the American group, took the decision to invest in the Bristol in 1982, after careful analysis of other international locations.

The group wanted to enhance its European presence and the choice of Bristol, says Scott McLean, manufacturing manager of Hewlett Packard computer peripherals division, was a recognition of Britain's skills and industrial future, as well as an expression of confidence in Bristol's resources as a home of high technology.

It now employs 800 people

in the area, and in 1987 won a Queen's Award for Exports.

The division has manufacturing and marketing responsibility for mass storage products for Europe — a lorry leaves the factory daily for Dover and the Continent — and worldwide research and development responsibility for on-line and back-up storage products.

The Bristol company was chosen to be the group's first strategic research laboratory outside the United States, against fierce competition from Hewlett Packard companies on the Continent.



Scott McLean, manufacturing manager of Hewlett Packard

The stability of the aerospace sector in Bristol can be expected to safeguard a large element of the manufacturing workforce

increased production would require a bigger workforce, which would be supplied by moving people within the division to the Airbus programme. If new people were taken on, he added, priority would be given to those made redundant in Filton's Dynamics Division.

Well over half of Filton's workforce are with the civil aircraft division. They are involved in design, manufacture and test activities associated with a range of high-technology aviation programmes.

Success in the aerospace field has come from producing the right aircraft at the right time.

Filton pays great attention to remaining competitive by investing in the latest technology throughout its operation, and creating an environment in which its workforce can exercise their skills and experience.

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chosen to be the group's first strategic research laboratory outside the United States, against fierce competition from Hewlett Packard companies on the Continent.

The thrust of the work at the Bristol Information Systems Centre is to research the type of office information systems that will be needed in five to ten years.

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Heritage born of the centuries

Apart from its business life, Bristol is a centre for tourism

Bristol prospered 300 years ago on the activities of its merchant venturers, trading with southern Europe, the West Indies and North America. Signs of them can still be found, but today's venturers are from the financial services, high-tech industries, and commerce.

A walk through the city soon unveils why it is becoming an attractive place in which to live, and why it has become a vigorous tourist centre. There are not only an increasing amount of amenities to sustain interest, but outside its boundaries there is some of the most beautiful countryside in Britain.

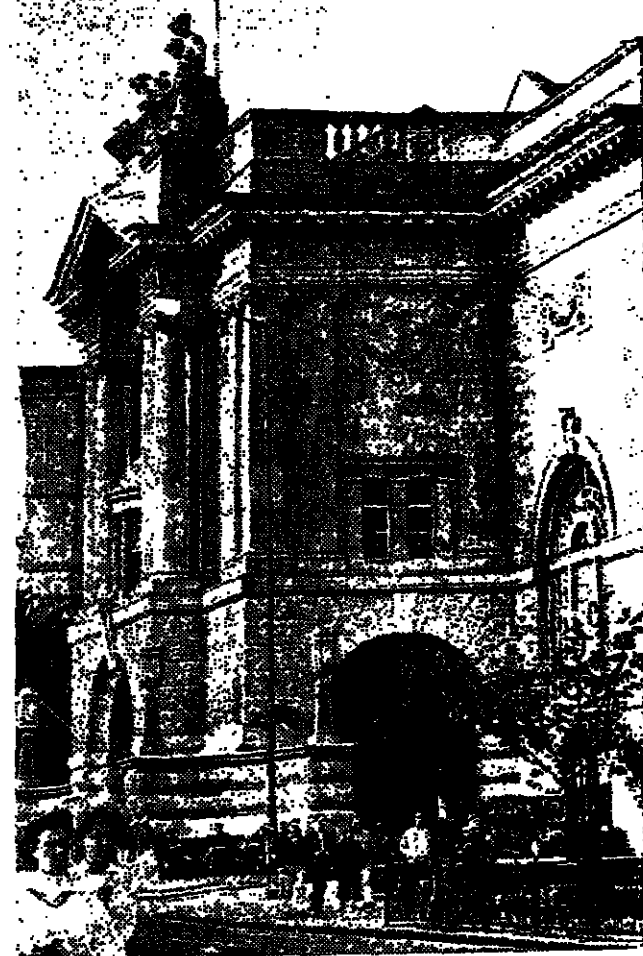
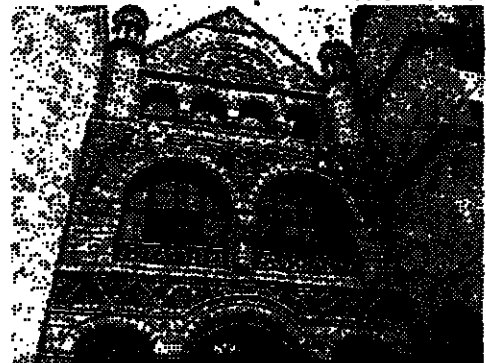
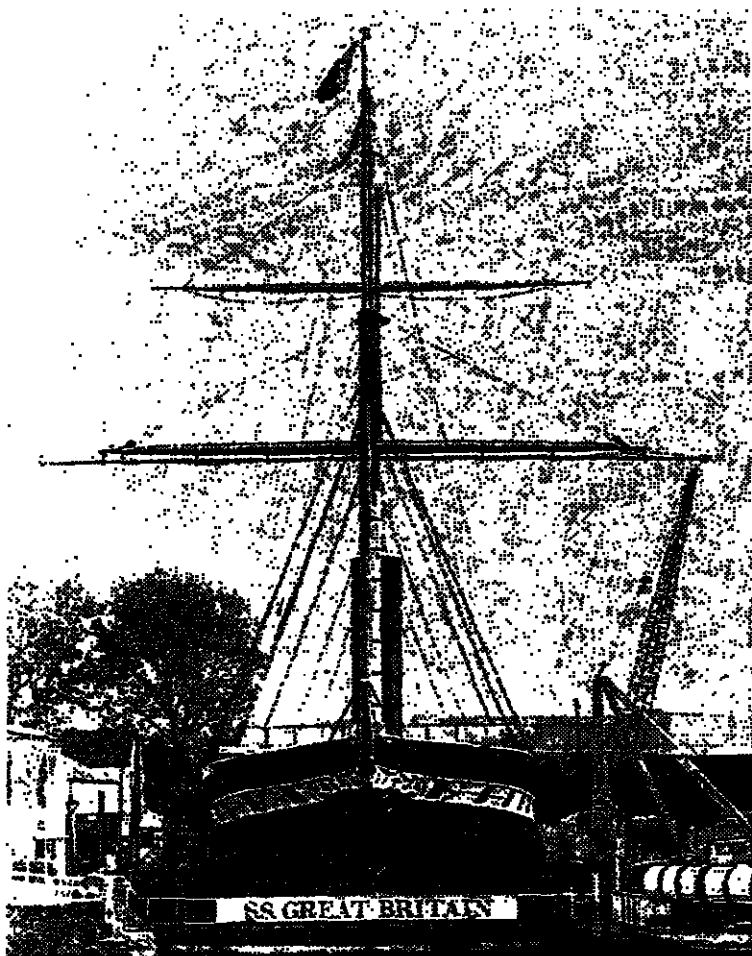
The city's development and tourism boom is partly attributed to its accessibility — both the M4 and M5 motorways skirt the city to the north and west. London and Birmingham can be reached in about two hours by car, Cardiff in less than an hour over the Severn Bridge.

Hourly train services from its stations reach London in just over an hour, and there is also a service to Reading, with connecting services to Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

Bristol Airport is also gaining in popularity and now has flights to various European countries as well as to Ireland and inside Britain.

While the influx of residents is forcing up house prices to the level of the Home Counties, there is none of the hassle of living near London. For tourists there are several four- and three-star hotels.

The city, justifiably, claims to be a "mini-London" in terms of the cultural facilities it has to offer. There is the famous Theatre Royal with the oldest auditorium in Britain, and the home of one of the best theatre companies in the country, the Bristol Old Vic. The city has other the-



Far left: Isambard Kingdom Brunel's iron ship, the SS Great Britain, now restored. Above: the Theatre Royal. Left: the tiled facade of the 1901 Edward Everard building. Right: the City Museum and Art Gallery. Below: part of the John Harvey wine museum.

atres, cinemas, and a concert hall, though it has a weakness it is said to be in the provision of music.

Sights abound. A walk through the historic centre allows the tourist to see the plaques dedicated to the memory of John Cabot, who left the city in 1497 on his voyage to the mainland of North America, to Captain Thomas James, a Bristolian who played a significant part in the history of Ontario, or again, a plaque to Samuel Plimsoll, another Bristolian, the originator of the painted safety line on merchant ships.

There are fine historic churches and covered markets. In Broad Street there is the Guild Hall, formerly the site of Judge Jeffreys' "bloody Assizes" after the Battle of Sedgemoor.

Further down the street is the striking art nouveau facade of the former Edward Everard printing house. The facade is decorated with Carrera tiling and includes figures representing literary symbols as well as William Morris, the arts and crafts revivalists, and Gutenberg the printer.

The centre is just one of the areas which carry echoes of the city's historic past as well as modern buildings as monuments to its continuing prosperity. Alongside College Green there is Bristol Cathedral, founded in 1140 as an Augustinian monastery. In the Temple Meads-Redcliffe area there is the Church of St Mary Redcliffe, described by Queen Elizabeth I as "the fairest, goodliest and most famous parish church in England". Bristol has several muse-

ums and art galleries. The applied art collections comprise European ceramics, glass, textiles, metalwork and furniture dating from the 17th century to the present. The fine art collections include French paintings from the 16th to the 20th centuries, including work by Delacroix, Renoir and Seurat.

Other museums and galleries include St Nicholas's Church Museum, a fine medieval and 18th-century church gutted in the Second World War and turned into a museum, Blaise Castle House Museum, a rural and urban life museum, Harvey's Wine Museum, Bristol Industrial Museum showing a comprehensive range of exhibits connected with the city's rich industrial history.

By the river, where there are several cruises available, is Isambard Kingdom Brunel's great seafaring vessel, the SS Great Britain, moored at Great Western Docks. The Great Britain, the first ocean-going, propeller-driven iron ship, was launched in Bristol in 1843 and it sailed on the North American and Australian routes for over 40 years. She was a troopship during the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny. Abandoned in the Falklands in 1886, she came back to Bristol in 1970.

Bristol is within easy reach of some of England's most famous cities and beauty spots. Tours include:

● The Cotswolds, the golden coloured stone and wealth of buildings serving as a reminder of the wool trade.

● The Forest of Dean, with its organized walks, forest trails, nature trails and way-marked footpaths.

● The Mendips, the range of impressive limestone hills which have been designated as an area of outstanding natural beauty.

● Glastonbury Tor and Abbey, the abbey a complex of ruined buildings, the remains of the oldest Christian sanctuary in Britain.

● There are also the Quantocks, the Severn Estuary, the Wye Valley.

Among the other attractions are the Avon Gorge and Brunel's suspension bridge. Bath is a few minutes away, and there are also towns such as Cirencester, Clevedon, Chipstead, Devizes and Wells.



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The growing battle for more work space in a city blessed with success

The big companies are there, and more are on the way. But how will they all fit in? Finding land, and trained staff, is becoming a problem

Bristol's reputation as a major centre for commerce and industry was established centuries ago. Today it is also the largest financial centre in England outside London.

The commercial capital of the South-West, it houses an important regional branch of the Bank of England and several foreign bank branches. But it is the relocation of several big companies from London that has brought new wealth to the city.

Lloyds, for example, surveyed 70 to 80 sites before alighting on Bristol. It is building an office block, due to be completed in two years' time, for one of its headquarters operations. Not only will the bank bring another blue chip name to the city, but eventually jobs for about 1,400 people, most to be recruited locally.

A year ago, the RAC decided to move in its membership and legal divisions, together with a new computer system for its breakdown service.

Bristol is now the headquarters of major insurance companies, an important stockbroking centre, a base for the leading accountancy firms and a legal centre. National Westminster Insurance Services is another newcomer.

All this is putting pressure on recruitment. David Dodd, regional director of Management Services Ltd, says that he advises companies seeking middle managers that the minimum salary is £20,000. Six years ago the benchmark was £14,000.

Lower down the administrative scale, the turnover of clerical and office staff is running at 20 per cent. Gillian Camm, of Hay Management Consultants, says that companies are beginning to realize they must provide career structures for their staff if they are to keep them.

Many small companies are benefiting from the training that larger companies give their staff, recruiting them by offering bigger salaries.

The demand for labour and office accommodation is beginning to tell. The Trustee

edge of the city, it is difficult to see how rents will be controlled. Institutions have started to reconsider their views on Bristol with a result that several large deals have taken place at yields as low as 6 per cent.

It is not only offices that are in short supply. There is a substantial shortage of industrial land with very few new developments under way.

Industrial land prices are about £250,000 an acre and more than £500,000 an acre for serviced out-of-town office sites. Rents have moved £3 a sq ft to £5 a sq ft and some commercial agents believe they could rise further.

The retail sector has also grown substantially. For virtually the first time in the 30-year history of Bristol's premier Broadmead shopping centre, every shop is occupied and demand for retail space is at an unprecedented level.

With annual spending in central Bristol shops predicted to exceed £206 million by 1991, traders are so eager to secure a foothold in Broadmead that some rents are topping £100 a sq ft.

They are expected to rise even higher after the rejection by the Department of the Environment of a planning application by Marks & Spencer, Prudential and Bayliss to build an out-of-town shopping centre at Cribbs Causeway to the north of the city.

Such has been the interest in developing the city centre that the Avon Phoenix Initiative was started 11 months ago, funded by the private and public sectors, to co-ordinate activity. The problem is that the decision-makers do not work in Bristol. The shops are run by managers.

"The essential thing is to get the shops, the ground landlords, the developers, the council, all working together," says Denis Burns who, on secondment from accountants Arthur Young, runs Phoenix Initiative in Bristol.

"We have made contact with everyone at head office level, told them we would act as agent to bring everyone together, raised between £30,000 and £40,000 to fund



The price of success: some rents in the popular Broadmead shopping centre are now topping £100 a square foot

The law firms link to rival London

The other day in Bristol a clutch of lawyers were caught drinking in one of Bristol's streets. "Caught", that is, by a photographer who had persuaded them to toast the success of a merger between two of the city's old-established legal firms.

The celebration was in some ways symbolic of the rapid changes that are taking place among lawyers in the city, for its development as a financial centre has also brought about a rapid expansion for those involved in commercial law.

"Bristol is now seen as a major centre for legal advice," says John Westcott, managing partner of the newly-formed firm Veale Wasborough, now winning a growing slice of commercial business which once would have been placed with larger London practices.

Veale Wasborough is the result of a merger between Stanley Wasborough and Veale Benson, and now is one of the biggest legal practices in the city. The new firm has 27 partners and 200 staff.

The merger was also an indication of confidence about the future among law firms in Bristol which are, like the accountants, polarizing into a group of market leaders, a

specialized area for the smaller firms.

The legal profession is also helped by good law facilities at both the university and the polytechnic. Increasingly, law graduates who traditionally would have served their articles in London are being attracted by the career opportunities which the bigger Bristol firms represent.

Veale Wasborough is part of that change. "We aim to be progressive and innovative," says Mr Westcott, who described the merger as a logical step for both of them.

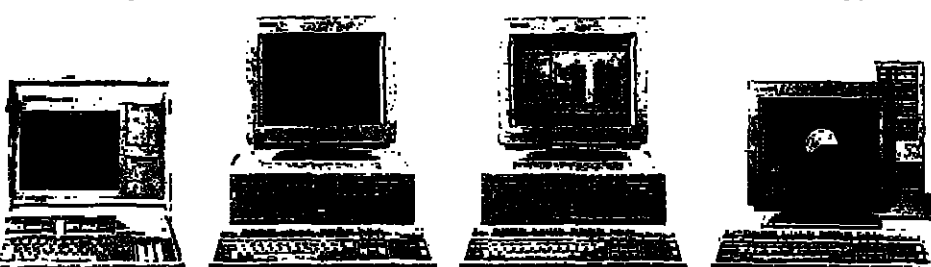
"The culture of the two firms were similar, with complementary strengths," he said. "Both had long-established and expanding departments dealing with commercial and property matters. Each firm also has specialists in different aspects of litigation and private client work."

While it is recognized that the barristers with narrow specializations are most likely to continue to operate from chambers in London — and the good communications make them reasonably accessible — the result of increased specialization by solicitors means that there is less need to seek specialized counsel.



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Recruiters: Gillian Camm and David Dodd say companies must expect to increase pay and provide career structures

Savings Bank, for example, considered Bristol for one of its operations, but decided to locate across the Severn in Newport. However, the city's Economic Development Board reports that it is in touch with 175 companies wishing to relocate there.

There is no denying that, in the short term at least, there is an office accommodation shortage. Alistair Bond, a partner of Hartnell Taylor Cook, commercial estate agents, estimates that there is only about two per cent of total office square footage on the market. He reckons between 5 and 10 per cent is necessary to keep business buoyant.

Office rents are £15 a sq ft and there is only about 100,000 sq ft of new building available, out of a total office space of over 14 million sq ft. Although developers are pushing their schemes through quickly, there is likely to be a shortage of space during the next two or three years.

Several new buildings are planned. One of the biggest is the Helical Bar development at Temple Bar of 90,000 sq ft, which is just starting, and the Royal Hotel scheme of 50,000 sq ft, due to begin at the end of the year.

The arrival of banks, insurance companies and related businesses has put pressure on the city centre. Out-of-town sites are becoming increasingly sought after, although rents on the motorway-located office parks are not all that far behind the city centre.

Mr Bond said: "With a desperate shortage of land, both in the centre and on the

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Marriage of minds and money

One of the most exciting prospects for Bristol is a proposed science research park to the east of the city which in terms of size will eclipse similar parks in Britain, and will be one of the largest in Europe.

Emmerson's Green Science Research Park, a £250 million project, is backed by developers, the universities of Bristol and Bath and Bristol Polytechnic. It will occupy a 500-acre green-field site at the end of the M4 corridor.

Bristol University was founded as University College Bristol in 1876 and received its royal charter as an independent university in 1909. It has grown rapidly in size and importance, and no less than four Nobel Prize winners were trained in its laboratories.

In a University Grants Committee review of British universities, Bristol came second only to Oxford and Cambridge in research excellence. It covers a full range of subjects, from medicine and science through to engineering, technology and the arts.

Bristol Polytechnic is one of Britain's leading polytechnics. In the standard of students and of its various faculties it equals many of Britain's

Academics and industrialists have joined forces in scientific research to their mutual advantage

universities. Its special interests are management and business education, engineering and technology subjects, in particular transducers.

The polytechnic is located on its own campus on the northern fringe of the city, alongside the Georgian villages of Frenchay and Stapleton and close to the heartland of Bristol's technological industries.

The research park will be seen as the culmination of developing relations between academic institutions and industry within the Bristol area. That relationship began over 70 years ago when the forerunner of what is now British Aerospace recruited a graduate from Bristol University to design an aircraft propeller.

Today, local well-established and leading engineering companies, such as BAE, and relative newcomers, such as

Hewlett Packard and Du Pont Electronics, have strong links with the university and polytechnic, providing research grants and sponsorships.

The co-operation has become so close that Bristol University last year established its own industrial liaison office to maintain and develop links.

Adrian Hill, the head of the office, says he sometimes feels that he is running a kind of combined dating agency and marriage guidance service, as he tries to help departments to find new industrial partners, or to achieve better relationships with their existing commercial collaborators.

Much of the work of the industrial liaison office has to do with attitudes and awareness education: making industrialists see that academics can help them with their problems and making academics see that working with industry is not going to damage or destroy their existing activities.

Mr Hill reports that considerable progress is being made in forging industrial and commercial partnerships. Companies have got past the stage, he says, of thinking that universities are always asking for handouts or trying to charge extortionate fees. They now see that paying a reasonable rate for work done is helping to preserve institutions which they themselves need. If they do not pay reasonable fees for services rendered, then useful institutions will simply fade away.

It was the scale of resources and research at academic institutions in and around Bristol that helped to persuade Hewlett Packard to move into the area four years ago, according to Scott McLean, manufacturing manager of the company's peripherals division. A vice-president of the parent United States organization, John Doyle, comes from Somerset.

On the academic side, Mr Hill has found that when academics are made aware of the criteria he applies for establishing industrial contacts, their support is forthcoming. Any contact has got to meet three major criteria.

"First, we consider the nature of the work to be done. Does it contribute to the university's research or is it peripheral or unrelated?"

"Next, we consider whether, as part of the deal, the university will get equipment or facilities that it did not have before."

"Thirdly, we look at whether the university will be able to retain intellectual property rights in the research or have at least a major continuing interest in the result."

Not all the work, however, is concerned with "dating" — setting up links between new partners. Much of it is concerned with untangling some of the existing relationships of the university with industry, especially where industry is not paying a proper price or tries to impose unfair contractual obligations.

This "marriage guidance" activity is proving equally



Tomorrow's scientists: from the campuses of university and city polytechnic, students see a bright future in a career in industry

productive. The liaison office is funded from the university's percentage of industrial-linked research income, and Mr Hill estimates that, taking both kinds of contact together,

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it is on course to break even in substantially less time than the five-year period originally envisaged when he was appointed just over a year ago. His current prediction is that

break-even point will be reached in perhaps less than two years.

The object of the Emmerson's Green Research Park is to provide a "one-stop" research and development facility, offering management, venture capital and marketing support.

The development company's managing director, Michael Green — from Hambros Bank — emphasized the "vast opportunities for academic institutions to promote market-led research from first-class facilities provided and funded by the private sector."

In addition to the research centre and park, there will be ancillary leisure and shopping facilities, 50 flats for executive staff and academics and up to 300 other residential units, plus a 200-bed hotel cum conference centre.

Its aim is to serve as an incentive for inward-investing high technology companies. Independent analysis commissioned by the promoters has indicated that about 10,000 direct jobs could be created on-site, and around 4,000 indirect jobs off-site.



Adrian Hill, right, heads university liaison with local firms

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primary schools as well as a secondary school.

A popular area, only a short distance from the centre of the city, it has been chosen for development for a variety of reasons, not least because of the nearby motorways which converge on Bristol, as well as Bristol Parkway rail station.

The site is being developed by a consortium of house builders. Around 10,000 houses will be built over 800 acres of land. The first house went on sale in mid-1987 and it is said that purchasers saw their investment increase by around 20 per cent before Christmas last year. Demand this year has remained consistently high.

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much-needed boost to the stock of quality housing. Many companies such as Hewlett Packard, Du Pont and Lloyds Bank have already moved or are planning to move here and Bradley Stoke, with its strategic location next to the M4-M5 interchange, will accelerate this trend."

The idea of a mini-town to the north of Bristol was first discussed 12 years ago, when Northavon District Council looked at the possibilities for the land lying next to the growing area of north Bristol and bounded on two sides by motorways.

Statistics collected by the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys show that the population has grown by about 10,000 in the county of Avon over the last five years. This growth is likely to accelerate in coming years and, with the continued decrease in the size of households, is expected to raise demand and prices for housing.

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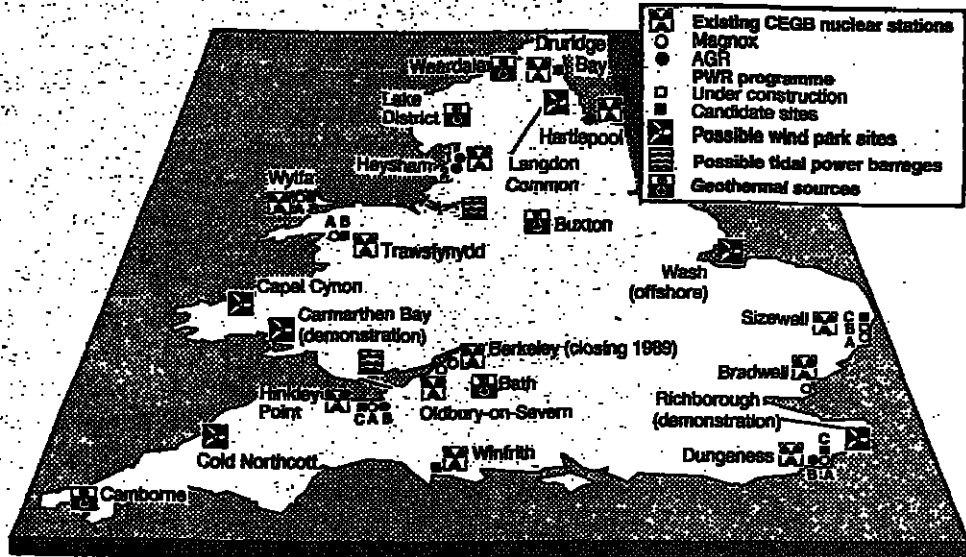
As the public inquiry to build a £1.5 billion nuclear power station at Hinkley Point in Somerset, settles into its third week, the Central Electricity Generating Board will produce a comparison of the non-fossil fuel alternatives to the scheme.

The CEBG approach to the question of renewable sources of energy will provide little encouragement to those enthusiasts for the development of wind power, tidal energy, geothermal energy locked in hot rocks beneath the ground, wave power, biofuels, and refuse-burning, and large-scale energy conservation programmes.

In trying out the options, Mr Samuel Goddard, corporate director of the CEBG's system planning department, which is responsible for finding and obtaining approval for all new power stations, will argue that the Severn tidal scheme, wind power, and refuse burning are technically the most realistic alternatives.

But he will assert that the customer's electricity bill would be higher for power from a Severn barrage, even though it could produce up to 7,000 megawatts of electricity or five times more than the proposed pressurized water reactor, planned for Hinkley Point C.

Conversely, wind power and refuse-derived fuel could compete on price. But the CEBG estimates suggest that they would provide only half the capacity of Hinkley Point C.



According to this analysis, the board will maintain that the power station is needed to meet the proportion of electricity generated by non-fossil fuels that the Government has set for the soon-to-be privatized electricity supply industry.

In fact, Mr Goddard will be arguing the case for a family of four PWRs. However, that family will include the first British variant of the American-designed PWR, which is now being built at Sizewell B, on the Suffolk coast.

The inquiry into the Hinkley proposal has introduced a new phrase into the language. The board's experts refer constantly to the "N-triple-F" policy. This turns out to be the shorthand for the "non-fossil fuel fraction" of electricity generation that the

Government intends to be retained when privatization takes place.

According to evidence already submitted to the inquiry by the CEBG, the proportion of non-fossil supplies will drop sharply unless new stations are commissioned by the year 2,000.

In the intervening years, the ageing first-generation Magnox nuclear power stations will be closed while electricity demand will still grow.

Impressing the case for a PWR at Hinkley Point, the generating board is also unveiling a rich diversity of renewable sources of energy in the British Isles. Wind power has attracted the board's closest attention. Wind turbines can be sited on land and in shallow coastal waters.

Experience in the United

States, and in Europe shows that on-shore wind technology is an established and economic option for electricity generation.

Off-shore wind technology is at an earlier stage, and according to the board unlikely to be useful until after the turn of the century.

The CEBG has a demonstration centre at Carmarthen Bay, where a 200KW machine was first built, and has been replaced recently by a 330KW machine.

At the same site, a prototype 130KW vertical-axis wind turbine is being tested under a project supported by the Department of Energy, with an industrial consortium.

Also at Carmarthen, a 30KW vertical axis wind turbine, owned by Balfour

Beatty, is operating successfully.

Later next year, the board hopes to be testing a one megawatt wind turbine at Richborough, in Kent, under a project funded jointly with the European Commission, the Department of Energy, and the manufacturer, James Howden.

Proposals for three "wind parks" in Cornwall, West Wales, and the Northern Pennines, would produce a total of 25 megawatts. Each park would have 25 wind generators.

The board estimates that 3,000 machines of the kind proposed for the wind parks would be needed to produce 1,000 megawatts of electricity, or the equivalent today of a medium-sized power station.

Nevertheless, cost estimates suggest that wind-produced electricity would be about 2.8p per kilowatt hour.

In comparison, the board is estimating electricity from Hinkley Point C at 2.2p per kilowatt hour.

A number of places have been proposed for potential tidal power generation on the Severn and the Mersey.

A £4.26 million study of the Severn is in progress between the Severn Tidal Power Group, the CEBG, and the Department of Energy, which is due to be complete at the end of this year.

The Mersey scheme is approximately a tenth of the proposed 7,200 megawatts for the Severn, but it would of course take less time to construct.

PERSPECTIVE

Magic ingredient in a cheap little box

The computer software industry is a fascinating one. A box of bits that costs about £20 to manufacture can sell for anything up to £5,000 and much more, on mainframe systems.

The magic words that bring about this transformation — that would have had even the alchemists of the Middle Ages impressed — are "intellectual property".

This is the same intangible commodity that once commanded bizarrely huge salaries for city entrepreneurs, and the reason that your solicitor genially submits an account for 60 guineas, for what you fondly imagined was a cosy chat among old friends.

Intellectual property is the application of experience, learning and general savoir faire, and here it means creating software from an otherwise meaningless jumble of rust particles on a computer disc.

For their own part, publishers of computer software do the most curious and mystical things with the prices for their products. For instance, one company has recently reduced the cost of its spreadsheet to £150 from £395 — the same product is suddenly worth £250 less in their estimation, as the result of the appearance of a newer version.

Another example is a firm which lopped £2,000 off its debut PC software package, yet it still sells at £695. It suggests that this is due to "increased demand" and, of course, it would be thoroughly churlish to imagine otherwise as we are all in the habit of dropping the prices of our best-selling lines — aren't we?

The upshot of all this confusion and contradiction is the simple fact that the low cost or budget software market is a grand shambles where nobody seems to know what to say or do any longer.

But to the customer, price suggests mainly one thing —



William Poel

looks at an invention for the alchemists

quality. Particularly so in Britain, where Harrods and Fortnum's have suggested for a long time that the arbiter of good taste and value is price.

Budget software with a discernible reason for being cheap — ie a back-catalogue item — is therefore more readily understood for what it is than budget software that is only low cost out of the goodness of the heart of a crusading publisher who believes that traditional software prices are extortionate.

The doyen of American computer columnists, Jerry Pournelle, observed this phenomenon in a recent issue of Byte magazine.

"A curious fact about this computer market: within wide limits, computer software doesn't actually obey the classical laws of economic demand."

That is putting it mildly, because the fact of the matter is that dealers can intimidate customers very easily into believing that a £395 spreadsheet is better than a £150 spreadsheet, despite the evidence of reviews suggesting that the established pricing is now well out of the running

when set against the young upstarts.

But 95 per cent of the potential customers do not read computer magazines, so the dealer can easily steer the user using the age-old technique of suggesting that you get what you pay for.

From the customer's point of view, particularly those who are systems advisers in large companies, the cost of the embarrassment of being caught out by a cheap product is the critical cost.

None of us worries about being seen seated in the Rolls-Royce whilst waiting for the tow truck to arrive. We are all acutely embarrassed to be seen under the bonnet of a ten year old Lada with steam pouring from the radiator.

So the dilemma when pricing PC software is how to build in a sufficient margin to keep the dealers happy, convince the customer he is getting a reputable product, and not fall into the trap of being priced so close to the "safe" big-name choice that the customer ends up feeling that they might as well pay another £50 and get the comfort of the famous name.

It's a tricky marketplace to manage, and as long as a product roundly declared as inferior outsells its superior but cheaper competitor by a couple of orders of magnitude, it is very difficult to see where or how to move.

The market sticks to the devils it already knows, and steadfastly refuses to take an interest in a better but non-standard product.

With contradictory advice from all quarters, the bemused customer is all the more likely to opt for the safe option. If the so-called experts don't know what they are doing, what chance have those with their first experience of a PC? The author is managing director of Paperback Software UK which specialises in software for IBM and compatible personal computers.

Time running out for the awards

There is now less than a fortnight for journalists to enter the 1988 UK Technology Press Awards sponsored by The Times and Hewlett Packard.

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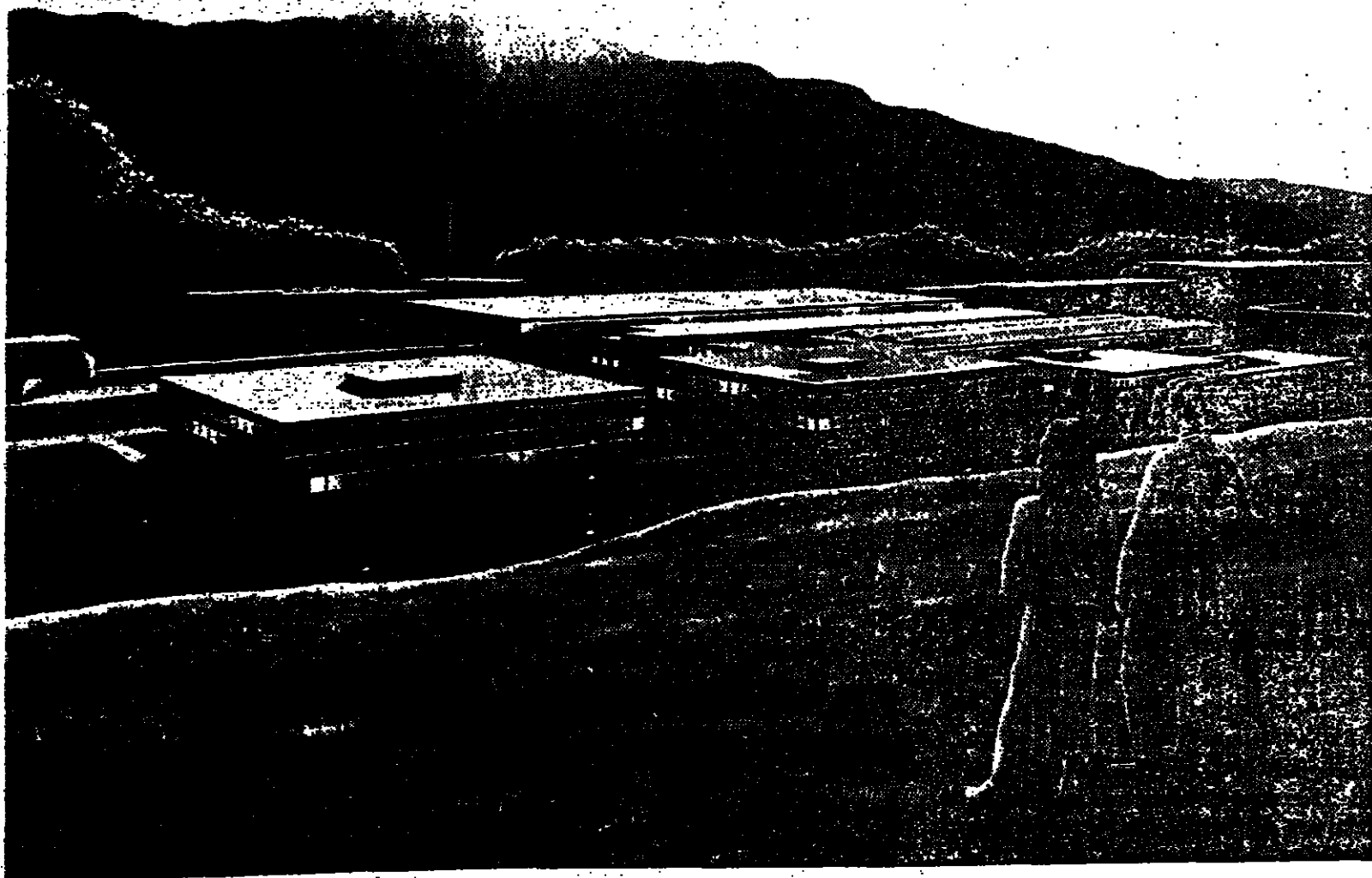
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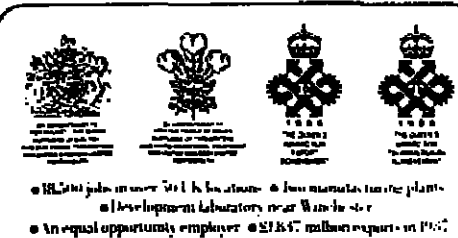
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TECHNOLOGY

By Richard Sarson
A computer made up of 4,096 separate but parallel processors was launched last month by the British firm of AMT. It is aimed at huge number-crunching tasks, like analysing radar and satellite pictures, wave forms in the North Sea and medical scans. Super-computers with very fast single processors can just handle these tasks — at a cost of several million pounds. AMT's new computer costs £250,000 and can be linked to the most commonly-used workstations to be found in research establishments.

AMT in parallel drive for exports

nearly a year to such customers as Plessey and Washington University. Dr Geoffrey Manning, the chairman, who came to AMT from the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, said he wanted "to make AMT a multinational from day one". More than a third of AMT's sales are in the USA. Europe is the next target, and distributors have been appointed in France and in Germany. The

company will soon have a similar representation in Italy and Scandinavia. In the meantime, he will be developing even faster machines. The new computer is four times as fast as last year's model and though he cannot promise to carry on quite like that he believes that by adding even more processors and speeding up the basic chip, he can increase the power by a factor of two each year.

Brian Oakley, chairman of Logica Cambridge, and former director of the Alvey programme, believes that Dr Manning's team — of academics and industrialists determined to win export markets — should be the model for Britain's high-technology start-up companies.

Liquid with a touch of steel

Britain takes the lead in the race to develop an Erf control system, says Nick Nuttall

The first trophy in a worldwide race to develop and apply the electrorheological fluids (Erf) — man-made liquids which instantly thicken or solidify under an electrical current and immediately return to fluid when the power is switched off — is set to be taken by Britain.

Last month, Dr Jim Stangroom said a market research programme to find a cost-effective industrial use for the technology had been completed. He said that an Erf clutch — with wide usages but obvious application in the steel wire industry — should be "available in a matter of months".

The announcement may appear modest but is liable to spark controversy among fellow Erf researchers both in Britain and abroad. It also underscores how the international race for small, quiet and longer-lasting control systems which use fluids and electricity rather than levers and mechanics is heating up.

The promise is nothing less than highly precise and rapid monitoring systems for use in heavy machinery, home appliances and the automotive industry.

If true, the eventual result will be that many devices, such as mechanically-operated brakes, suspensions, robotic and aerospace hydraulics and power transmission units, will be scrapped.

In Britain, several companies have united to form the



In the middle of a scientific controversy: Dr Harry Block believes that water must be banished from Erf fluids

Electrorheological Research Syndicate, which is helping to fund studies and testings of new Erf materials.

Similar groups, companies and academic institutions in countries such as Germany, the US, the Soviet Union and Japan, are also champing at the bit to develop this promising science. Yet there is confusion and frustration on how to proceed, with efforts firmly paired into two camps of differing ideas.

Those like the leading Erf pioneer, Dr Harry Block, of the Cranfield Institute of Technology, Bedfordshire, believe that problems of strengths, stability and reliability of Erf hinges on banishing all, or nearly all, water from the mixture. The other camp says that if water is trapped its presence is irrelevant.

The water group, whose

disciples include Airlong, the London-based engineering and aerospace firm, and Dr Stangroom's ER Fluid Development Ltd, based near Sheffield, claim that the issue is a "red herring" keeping Erf in academic circles and hampering the advance of a new technological age.

However, all agree on one issue: that all currently available Erf have conductivity problems at high temperatures which make maintaining a current to keep them viscous, extremely expensive and potentially dangerous.

What Dr Stangroom's team has done is to stand the issue on its head by ditching notions of a totally flexible fluid capable of coping in all conditions. Instead, it has decided to match its polymer, which is suspended in a synthetic oil, with a current technological need.

"We can make an Erf which will cope at high temperatures and one with a slightly different formula to work at low ones. But we can't do both. So we've come up with an Erf which will work at room temperature, and below that can be applied now rather than waiting for a breakthrough," says Dr Stangroom.

At GEC's power transmission subsidiary, Micanite Insulators, Manchester, Fred Waddington, the development manager, says: "Water Erf are still a force to be reckoned with." However, his company is taking a more cautious stance and is testing three fluids of differing water content.

Mr Waddington believes that the Americans, who claim to be developing electrically controlled automatic transmission systems with car companies are misdirecting their efforts.

He believes the first real commercial applications will occur in robot joints, ships'

power systems and anti-vibration and stabilization devices — "anywhere where you have an electrical board which has to give directions, currently, to a mechanical device".

And he said that the goal was still a totally flexible fluid capable of operating successfully at all temperatures.

Dr Block believes that an all-purpose Erf using his refined polymer in oil fluid may be only 18 months away. Last year he patented a polymer suspended in oil.

He has tested it down to minus 20°C, and says that US researchers have taken it up to 200°C.

Rivals say his fluid has really high electricity demands at the elevated temperatures, but Dr Block says: "It is our experience that, because it is anhydrous, it cuts down the demand on current."

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TECHNOLOGY

Managers 'miss out on IT training'

JOBSCENE

By Caroline Bernian
There is a crisis in middle management. Not enough is being done to train middle managers in information technology, according to Roy Townsend, general manager of ICL Training.

"The amount spent by British companies on information technology training courses for their middle managers is grossly inadequate," he says.

The UK spends £100 million a year on training data processing staff but only around 4% of that on training the managers — those who have to decide on the strategic options facing a company that the IT systems are meant to support. Much of this is being wasted on general business or management-related seminars, according to ICL research.



Roy Townsend: sees a crisis in companies were in the same position.

"These seminars get a universally poor reaction. They don't go into any depth and can at best just be awareness sessions. But they soak up a large amount of a limited spend," says Mr Townsend.

ICL has a training wing which currently has about one-third of the UK market in external fee-paying executive training course.

The Britannia Building Society, retailers including Fosters, Burtons, Dollond & Aitchison and Sainsbury's and local authorities have been on the course.

Between one third and a half of all British managers — almost 3.5 million people — have had no management training whatever according to a National Economic Development Council report.

One-fifth of all firms employing more than 1,000 people made no provision for management training in 1986 and nearly four-fifths of small-

with regard to IT, and the difference between young and older managers, and the differences between the sectors.

"For example, senior managers need short courses, and distance learning, and have a problem of time. More junior managers prefer computer-based training, hands-on experience and online help systems," says Mr Townsend.

There is also a general fear of the new technologies amongst British managers, according to Mr Townsend.

"The computing director in many organisations is seen as something of a pariah, a person who constantly asks for ever more expensive equipment without providing an easily measurable return on investment. Moreover, there is a view that a prime aim of IT systems is to rid companies of large tranches of their middle management."

The most common fault in companies is that many think they have an IT strategy but in reality they are just inward looking, and are not thinking about how it can give their company a competitive advantage. Mr Townsend believes. And IT strategy is often not linked to corporate strategy, but operates independently of it.

The Britannia Building Society used ICL's management training course to introduce its IT managers and senior staff to the concept of working towards a strategic plan — something that hadn't been there in the past.

"Our IT strategy was so poor that we might make a pragmatic decision to do something while elsewhere another decision might be made, which could pull in the opposite direction. We needed uniform standards. We were duplicating effort," says Malcolm Sprout, deputy general manager of the Britannia.

Information technology tops the list of training that managers in the survey say that they need, followed by financial management, communications and people management.

"Not many companies are evaluating training and assessing the need, so training providers find it hard to respond," says Richard Brown, head of external policy at the British Institute of Management.

"Training in information technology must be very selective. You have to look at the maturity of the organisation

Next big challenge from Apple's ousted founder

From Andrew Pollack in San Francisco

Steven Jobs, who founded Apple Computer when he was 21 years old, has introduced the new computer on which he hopes once again to ascend to the top of the computer world.

Mr Jobs and his California company, Next, have been working on the machine in great secrecy since 1985, when he was ousted from Apple in a power struggle.

The new computer comprises a black magnesium cube housing the electronics, an optical disk storage device and a large black-and-white screen capable of displaying photographic quality images.

Mr Jobs demonstrated how it could record and send voice messages, play music with the quality of a compact disk and instantly retrieve quotes from the complete works of Shakespeare stored on its optical disk.

The machine, known as the Next Computer System, is intended primarily for use in university education and will be sold for \$6,500 (£3,750) a price that includes the optical disk, monitor and several software programs.

Still, some of those who have been waiting so long expressed disappointment. It has already taken a year longer to bring to market than Mr Jobs expected and it is not yet ready for final production.

While machines will be shipped in November to some universities and software developers, widespread deliveries will not begin until next spring.

And while the price is low for all its features,

it is still far higher than the \$3,000 that is currently considered the upper limit for university students.

Moreover, the general public will not be able to buy the machines — they will be sold only to universities. It is considered likely, however, that eventually the computer will be sold to businesses and to the general public.

One trend exemplified by the Next machine is the move toward what is called multi-media machines. Instead of merely displaying text and graphics on the screen, such computers would be able to incorporate sound, animation and full-motion video as well.

The Next machine is particularly strong on sound. Users can record voice messages and send them to one another by electronic mail. Text documents on the screen can be annotated with voice commentary. And educational programs can be accompanied by voice, music and realistic sound effects.

The Next erasable disk will carry 256 megabytes of information, equivalent to hundreds of books and about 10 times the capacity of many personal computer hard disks. The optical disks, which sell for about \$50, are removable.

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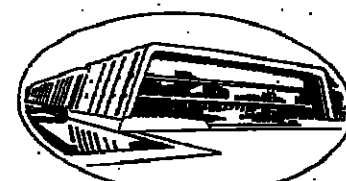
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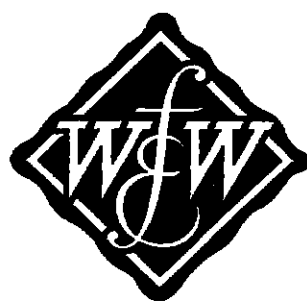
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The advent of the single European market and its opportunities is exposing Britain's abysmal record in foreign language skills, says Godfrey Golzen. But at least one businessman is profiting from this failure

The Government's advertising campaign to encourage British firms to take advantage of the single European market after 1992 has missed what many who do business in the EEC regard as a key point: the importance of improving Britain's appallingly low level of language skills.

A report by Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic, *Languages in British Business* (£17.95), stresses that trade is being lost "for lack of the right skills in the right languages", and it quotes Terry Cox, a senior marketing manager at ICI, as saying that there is "only an element of truth in the belief that English is the language of world business".

But one man's problem is another's business opportunity. Ross Allen, a Paris-based chartered accountant who has spent most of the past 20 years on the Continent, provides what he calls an "interim management" service for British firms who have run into difficulties with their European ventures.

He says: "As financial director for the European arm of a major British retailer, I saw a lot of firms getting it wrong. Often it boiled down to communications. In particular, some of the smaller, less experienced companies tended to treat their European subsidiary as if it was a local agency in a traditional export market. Someone would come over from the UK every month or so to keep an eye on things. Often that person wouldn't be able to speak the

language, so he couldn't communicate with middle managers, never mind the workforce."

When some operations run into trouble, the usual practice is to send someone over from head office to hold the fort until a new appointment can be made, but recruitment conducted under pressure and in haste is often repented at leisure.

Mr Allen's alternative is to provide a service where an independent, experienced, bilingual executive with a thorough knowledge of the local business environment and with the required technical competencies is put into the operation to look after a specific aspect, or its entirety, for a limited period, usually three to six months.

"It's a form of temping at executive level," he explains. "It gives the UK company a breathing space to find an appointee without taking a key person out of its home management team — someone who probably wouldn't be very effective in the short term, anyway, because of the language barrier and the time it takes to get to know the ropes, for instance on matters such as legal or cultural

constraints on the way business is conducted."

The real problem, Mr Allen adds, is often what is behind the figures and can only be established by talking to people, from the workforce to customers.

His team of interim managers are men in their 40s located in several different European countries. All of them are at least bilingual and have an established record of line management in engineering, finance, marketing and in general management.

When he gets a call to provide a temporary executive, he acts rather in the same way as a headhunter. He goes to see the clients, establishes a profile of what they want and puts forward an appropriate person from his team.

The administration connected with the assignment, including payment of statutory benefits, is handled by Allen & Associates, his office in Paris. The charge averages between £500-£700 a day plus expenses which, by the standards of executive salaries on the Continent, sounds reasonable. It certainly compares favourably with management consultants' charge-out rates.

Mr Allen, who speaks French fluently, handles some assignments himself. A typical case was when he was called in to act as temporary chief executive of the French subsidiary of a British company which realized that its local manager was losing his grip.

One of the first things that happened after he took over was that the managing director of the parent company arrived to explain the situation to the workforce, and he had to act as interpreter.

"They were very keen to keep the operation going, but there was a lot of concern about job security which had to be dispelled to make that possible. You couldn't have tackled that with even a well-translated handbook."

He managed the company for five months, which gave the owners plenty of time to search for a new appointee, while he reorganized its systems, tightened financial controls and used his local contacts to find an accountant and a general manager for it.

Another typical problem with foreign subsidiaries is implement-

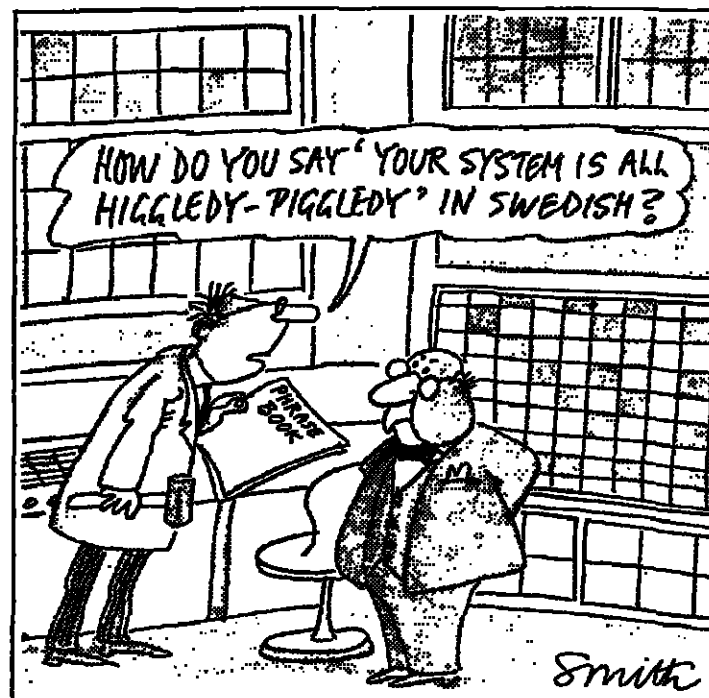
ing changes dictated by events in the parent company; for instance, after acquisitions or the appointment of a new chief executive. Mr Allen cites the case of a British company whose German subsidiary had a DM12 million turnover as distributors of machine tools. The new British chief executive thought that performance could be improved by reducing overheads, but he was unable to get the willing collaboration of the local manager, who had to be removed.

"They wanted a successor, and asked us to fill in by providing an interim manager with appropriate product knowledge," Mr Allen recalls. "We provided a German national who reduced the headcount, let off surplus space and introduced changes which improved customer service as well as profitability."

In another case, involving a German company making control cables for cars, with a turnover of DM25 million, the interim manager raised profits so dramatically by rationalizing production methods and making staff changes that the owners asked him to stay on.

As a rule, though, Mr Allen says that interim managers are "committed to independence" and he stresses that he is not looking for executives between jobs who may be tempted away in mid-assignment by the offer of a permanent post elsewhere.

In some ways what he describes sounds rather like some of the services offered by management consultants. So is there any real difference?



Mr Allen believes that a crucial factor is the nature of the psychological contract. "A management consultant's allegiances are to his own firm and in some cases he may urge steps that create further work for it, but are of marginal value to the client. An interim manager becomes part of the team where he is working."

He also believes that the loose association of experts, which interim management implies, gives clients access to a greater range of expertise than any but the largest, and most expensive, consultancies can command.

The market for interim managers is not just a one-way affair. Mr Allen believes that foreign EEC firms coming into the British

market may also need UK-based interim executives. But though there is a lot of interest from executives who want to be "executive temps", the idea is only beginning to catch on with clients.

There are, however, some shrewd observers who see it as a highly cost effective way to control headcounts and keep costs variable. It also sounds like an ideal way to go into the continental EEC without making too many binding human resources commitments — which must be an attractive option for many medium-sized and smaller British companies.

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Richard Streeton reviews a tour in which the Australians kept their best until last

Spinners keep Pakistan on top

A belated improvement by Australia in the third Test match, when they came close to leveling the series, did not atone completely for earlier disappointments on an eventful tour of Pakistan.

The Australians never really mastered their opponents' three outstanding spin bowlers, who enabled Pakistan to extend their unbeaten home record to 10 series in eight years.

Like most visiting teams to Pakistan, Alan Border's side soon succumbed mentally to a belief that everything conspired against them, not least pitches and umpires. This particular tour, too, was blighted by other factors. General Zia's death brought the first itinerary change. Others followed as Pakistan experienced its worst floods for 30 years and pre-season violence broke out on city streets.

Above all the Australians were left angry and despondent by what happened in the first Test match at Karachi where Pakistan won by an innings. A poor pitch, tailor-made for the Pakistan bowlers, and several contentious umpiring decisions brought ill-tempered public protests midway through the game from the Australian management. They had a justifiable case but earned no marks for diplomacy and tact from their hosts.

In the heat of the moment the Australian players held a debate about whether they should ask to return home, but fortunately commonsense prevailed. It will be interesting to

see whether the International Cricket Conference ever fulfil the players' request for an investigation into the circumstances which surround Test cricket in Pakistan.

The Australian board approved their players' statement and Colin Egar, the team manager, and an executive member of the board, is

Graveney delay

Cricket 'rebels' in Gloucestershire have postponed their demand for a special members' meeting to discuss the dismissal of David Graveney as captain. They have done so at the request of the club's management committee.

Mike Hammond, an electronic worker from Cheltenham, who organised the petition for a special meeting, said yesterday: "I want to give the county as much time as possible to sort things out."

Graveney has yet to decide whether to accept a two-year contract to stay on as a player.

determined that the players' statement shall not be left on the shelf.

It is a moot point whether the Australian management's forceful, open approach to the crisis, helped their side. It was a long time before the players felt able to summon the willpower to rise above their continued suspicions. The tell-tale signs of any disenchanted touring team lingered, with the days remaining before their departure regularly counted.

In the end the proximity of the homecoming flight probably did as much as anything to lift

the team's game in the final Test.

No department of the Australian game suffered more from the players' mental strife than their fielding. At least 12 catches were put down in the first two Tests and did nothing to help bowling, which, apart from Reid and McDermott, often looked mediocre and lacked penetration.

Reid, the 6ft 8in left-arm fast bowler, was magnificent and would walk into any world XI. Australia will miss Reid dreadfully if his renewed back problems prevent him from playing against West Indies in the coming months. McDermott, tireless and accurate, was the perfect foil and should do well in England next summer. A short tour never gave McDermott the work he needed to regain his test place.

Australia's slow bowlers suffered by comparison, inevitably, with their Pakistan counterparts. May made progress, though, and Taylor finally came good in the last Test.

Border once again carried his ever-present burden successfully as Australia's only consistent Test batsman. His captaincy, too, was exemplary in all aspects and he came so near to conjuring victory in the Lahore Test. Marsh had a good tour but there were too many failures, or half failures, among the other batsmen, who never found their confidence as they were fed an endless diet of spin.

Wood's return to the inter-

TEST AND TOUR AVERAGES

Pakistan batting and fielding

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Javed Miandad	1	0	0	412	34	177	34.40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Shoaib Mohammad	1	0	0	195	34	1	23.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ijaz Ahmed	1	0	0	172	122	1	23.40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Saleem Yousaf	1	0	0	136	39	1	23.40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Imran Khan	1	0	0	126	39	1	23.40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Salim Malik	1	0	0	112	49	1	23.40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Abdul Qadir	1	0	0	94	45	1	23.40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Australia batting and fielding

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P Taylor	1	0	0	110	84	1	34.40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
G H Wood	1	0	0	87	32	1	23.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
D C Brown	1	0	0	117	43	1	23.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A Healy	1	0	0	74	29	1	23.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
S R Waugh	1	0	0	69	29	1	23.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
T B A May	1	0	0	38	14	1	11.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
S R Waugh	1	0	0	38	14	1	11.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Rich pickings for Cumani fillies in Canadian raid

Lucia Cumani's star fillies Innamorata and Sudden Love, both partnered by Ray Cochrane, brought off a memorable big-race double at Woodbine, Toronto, late on Sunday night.

Their victories in the Rothmans International and the E P Taylor Stakes respectively netted a combined haul of £295,735.

Innamorata, who was third in the E P Taylor Stakes last year, ran on a comfortable winner of the Rothmans (12th), coming home 2 1/4 lengths clear of El Senor and the Jonathan Paise-trained Delighter.

River Memories, in sixth, was best of the other European challengers, followed by Rachmaninov (7th), Per Quod (8th) and Rainree Renegade (10th).

Cochrane settled the four-year-old in leading, but gradually moved through the field to be third into the straight. She led soon afterwards, and thereafter was never in danger of defeat. Innamorata paid \$6.50 for the win to a \$2 stake.

Innamorata's win pays a handsome complement to Indian Skimmer, for Henry Cecil's champion Stakes winner beat her an easy two lengths in the Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket.

With this grade one success behind her, Innamorata will prove a valuable addition to owner Gerald Leigh's band of breeders.

Sudden Love, a two-length winner in the E P Taylor Stakes, was equally authoritative, and was a well-deserved first success at grade one level.

Love You By Heart chased her home, followed by Arcroyal and the Geoffrey Wragge-trained Inchmurrin, who had every chance into the straight.

This time, Cochrane had his mount prominent all the way and, after striking the front early in the straight, Sudden Love ran on with great zest. She paid \$3.50 for a win.

Dunlop raider at Saint-Cloud

John Dunlop saddles Alouette (John Reid) for the £20,000 Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Saint-Cloud today.

Alouette has won or been placed on his last four starts in lesser company, but may struggle to cope with the in-form Three Generations (Alfred Gilbert) and Crispette Head's Malaspina (Gary Moore), unbeaten in two races this term.

Johnson Houghton bags two Chepstow winners

Blewbury trainer Fulkie Johnson Houghton took a day off to go shooting yesterday, but he was on target at Chepstow with two winners, Folly Foot and the Aga Khan's newcomer, Simjour.

His heavily-backed favourite Folly Foot finished with a fine flourish to take the first division of the Whitsbury Manor Graduation Stakes by 1 1/2 lengths from 25-1 outsider Early Breeze.

The trainer's wife Gaye, who saddled Folly Foot, said: "He's a dear little horse and did that well because there was nothing to help him on the far side. He likes the cut in the ground so I would think he's sure to run again."

Johnson Houghton has now had 35 winners this term and his wife added: "The last couple of months have been wonderful. A run like we've had doesn't do anyone any harm."

The Hills twins, Michael and Richard, had the first division of the Gainsborough Claiming Stakes to themselves from half-way with Michael easily getting the verdict on Lopski.

After Solent Steel had made the early running, Richard Hills sent English Mint ahead before they had gone four furlongs. For a while it looked as if blunders

for the first time were going to do the trick for English Mint, but when Michael challenged on Lopski just inside the last two furlongs, English Mint had no response and Lopski drew right away to win by seven lengths.

Lopski was the 26th winner of the season for Newmarket trainer Willie Hastings-Bass, who also won the first race at Hamilton Park with Kate High Breeze.

Later, Lopski was claimed by Bristol owner Derek Price for £10,650 and the filly will now probably join Newmarket trainer James Toller.

With Pat Eddery still on the suspended list, his wife Carolyn kept the family pot boiling when she won the Cornish Cup by a head from Bold Try in a grandstand finish to the Mademoiselle Ladies Handicap.

She now shares top spot in the women riders' table with Elaine Bromson.

Reid wins again

John Reid, who rode four winners at the Cornish Cup on Sunday, was also on the mark with Vincent O'Brien's newcomer, Court Dance, in the Ashbrook Maiden at Phoenix Park yesterday.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Green Bay enjoy change of fortune

By Robert Kirley

In the 1960s, the Green Bay Packers won the first two Super Bowls. Starr, Taylor, Hornung, Davis and Akerley were among the finest players in the National Football League. Their coach, Vince Lombardi, for whom the Super Bowl trophy is named, moved on to the Washington Redskins and the Packers went into a two-decade decline.

Green Bay lost their first five games this season, so most supporters assumed the club was merely going about business as usual. However, nine days ago, the Packers crushed the New England Patriots 43-14, and on Sunday the Pack beat the Minnesota Vikings 34-14. The linebacker, Harris, blocked a punt for a touchdown and sacked Wilson, the Vikings' quarterback, for a safety. Mar Zendejas, who had missed five of nine field-goal attempts this season, kicked four of four on Sunday to equal a club record.

The Chicago Bears beat the Dallas Cowboys 17-10, disabling the quarterback, Polter, and sacking his backup, White, five times. McMahon, concussed a week earlier, completed 22 of 39 passes for 284 yards and a 30-yard touchdown to Morris.

Craig gained a season-high 190 yards and scored three touchdowns to lead the San Francisco 49ers past the Los Angeles Rams 24-21. The New England Patriots' decline interrupted Edison five times and beat the previously undefeated Cincinnati Bengals 27-21.

Brown, of New England, caught three passes for 67 yards and two touchdowns.

Jackson, of the Los Angeles Raiders, played for the first time this season. He led the game with 70 yards as the Raiders beat the Kansas City Chiefs 27-17.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday October 22 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

1 Arsenal v QPR
2 A Villa v Everton
3 Derby v Charlton
4 Liverpool v Coventry
5 Manchester United v Luton
6 Middlesbrough v Nottm Forest
7 Nottm Forest v Nottm Forest
8 Southampton v Sheffield W
9 West Ham v Ipswich
10 Wrexham v Man Utd

SECOND DIVISION

1 Barnley v Ipswich
2 Bury v Oldham
3 Colchester v Plymouth
4 Exeter v Luton
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THIRD DIVISION

1 Aldershot v Huddersfield
2 Blackpool v Port Vale
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NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

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AWAYS: Aston Villa, Blackburn, Bradford, Burnley, Cardiff, Coventry, Derby, Gillingham, Huddersfield, Ipswich, Luton, Middlesbrough, Nottm Forest, Oldham, QPR, Reading, Southampton, Stoke, Sunderland, WBA, Wolves, York City.

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DREAMS ARE FULFILLED AS REWARD ON EUROPEAN CIRCUIT GROWS BY £1.6M

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

The growth of the European game is reflected in a £1.66 million increase in the total prize fund to £11.66 million for the PGA Tour in 1989.

Twelve years ago Europe's leading players competed for less than £1 million at which time even a 30-week series of £100,000 events appeared a dream. Now a 40-week season will contain tournaments averaging prize-funds of nearly £300,000.

The Portuguese Open, which next year will also carry the Tournament Players Championship title, is a case in point. In 1987, the prize-fund was £100,000 whereas £275,000 will be at stake when the Championship unfolds at Quinta Do Lago, on October 19 to 22.

"This represents dramatic progress in golfing terms by a nation such as Portugal," Ken Schofield, executive director of the PGA European Tour, said.

"The strength of the Tour now is that it has twelve national Opens, all of which desire to get better. And the 1989 Volvo Tour schedule reflects the extremely healthy and solid state of European golf with growing interests in all areas."

FOOTBALL: PLAN TO PROVIDE A TONIC FOR THEIR SENIORS IS HIT BY INJURIES TO THE UNDER-21 SQUAD

Mancunians drop out to give Sexton a problem

By Nicholas Harding

Not for the first time Dave Sexton's plans for an England Under-21 game have been thrown into disarray by injuries.

Three of the five Manchester City players he had hoped would face Sweden tonight have dropped out of the European Under 21 Championship match at Coventry. Recruitments have been hastily sent for.

Two of the City players to cry off, Paul Lane and Ian Brightwell, failed to report because of their afflictions but a third, Andy Hinchcliffe, turned up only to be sent home again after having his injured knee examined by the team doctor.

Fortunately for Sexton, his extremely able captain and central defender, Steve Redmond is among those present as is City team-mate David White, who may well surprise the young Swedes with his pace on the right wing.

As though Sexton's problems were not bad enough, though, they were promptly exacerbated when David Hirst twisted his knee in training. The irony of that can not have been lost on Sexton for he had originally omitted Hirst from the Wednesday forward only to recall him as a replacement for Paul Merson, the injured Arsenal player.

With his squad now severely depleted, the England manager sent for Burrows (West Bromwich Albion),

The hole that England must fill

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

A spy in the enemy camp has told England's manager that there will be two potential flaws in the Swedish team at Wembley tomorrow night. The insight was offered last week to Bobby Robson by a Swedish scout to Göteborg to watch an otherwise largely irrelevant goalless draw against Portugal.

The advice came from Bob Houghton, the Englishman who had taken to the 1979 European Cup final and is now in charge of Örgryte, Sweden, he suggested, will not be as fearsome as they might have been in attack. There is also a hint of a lack of defence.

The striking threat has diminished because of the probable omission of Ekström and Karlsson. As quick as deer, they formed a partnership that "rightened everybody with their speed." But both of them joined new foreign clubs before the beginning of the season and neither of them has yet settled.

Ekström has not appeared regularly for Bayern Munich, nor Karlsson for Sporting Lisbon. Ole Nordli has consequently replaced them with a slower and less effective pair, Holmström and Pettersson. The change, Houghton believes, "has had a lot to do with the poor performance" since winning the West Berlin tournament in April.

So has the Swedish mentality. "They like being the underdogs. It suited them, for instance, to play West Germany and the Soviet Union in Berlin because they weren't expected to win. When they did, people then expected them to dominate Denmark and Portugal here recently and they struggled."

"The Swedes aren't as good when they have to go forward the whole time. They prefer to sit back and break out on the counter attack. I told Bobby Robson that, without Ekström and Karlsson, Sweden's attack is not as much as it once was. Otherwise, I could have imagined England, controlling things and then being hit."

Three more powerful sources would support Houghton's view. As well as beating the West Germans in Germany, albeit on



Ekström out of favour with Bayern Munich, he has lost some of his deadly scoring knack

penalties, Sweden have in the last 18 months defeated the Spaniards in Spain and the Soviets in the Soviet Union. The victory all reached the finals of the European championship.

Houghton is convinced that Sweden will not add a fourth to their list tomorrow. He cites a lack of temperament or perhaps a lack of power as the reason for their failure to qualify for the finals of the World Cup or of the European championship for the last decade.

"There is a feeling creeping in here that when big games are imminent, they don't play as well as they do in friendly matches. I don't think they are banking on getting even a point at Wembley as part of their strategy for getting to Italy in 1990."

Houghton's optimism for an English triumph would be substantially increased if the plan that he put to Robson in Göteborg was put into operation. It involves around one crucial figure, Beardsley, in assuming a different role, could dismantle the defensive organisation of the Swedes.

"The vital spot is behind the front two," Houghton explains. "Beardsley could be so dangerous in that position. The Swedes are very stereotyped. For the last three or four years, they've played a rigid 4-4-2 system. They wouldn't want to take anybody out and commit him to a defensive job."

"Apart from the goalkeeper, the central defenders and the centre half, players need to be on the basis of the side for

years. They would want to keep all of them — Hysen, Larsson, Prytz and Stromberg — in their usual places. Somebody playing in between their back four and their midfield four would disturb them."

He was not aware that Waddle has this season been a revelation, as Robson has admitted, as the promoter at Tottenham Hotspur. Should England's manager ask either Beardsley or Waddle to "fill in the hole", he and Bryan Robson will, according to Houghton, hold the key.

His prediction would be based with caution only if England are not at full strength. "There would be a problem for Bobby Robson if Beardsley is not fit. I think that he is so important. Barnes and Lineker need to be 100 per cent as well."

'Record' back nine puts Lane in line to retain his crown

By Mel Webb

It was only 12 months ago that Barry Lane ended years of swimming against the tide of disappointment by winning the first PGA Tour event of his career, the Equity and Law Challenge. Now here he was, sitting in the same Royal Mid-Surrey clubhouse and wearing a small, contented smile after boldly going where no professional golfer had gone before in tournament play.

The temptation is to describe the 26 strokes Lane took on the back nine in the first round of this year's Challenge yesterday as a world record. The fact that a ruling by PGA Tour officials that the special nature of this tournament — players get a point for a birdie, two for an eagle — will not allow the score to stand does hardly anything to detract from a remarkable performance.

Lane's record 28, came to this tournament from the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews, where a lesson from his captain, Nick Faldo, straightened out kinks which had appeared in his swing since he won the Scottish Open in July. The efficacy of the cure was there for all to see yesterday.

Lane did not really wake up after the long journey from Scotland until after the turn. He had only one birdie and one point in the front nine, but then two eagles and four birdies made him eight under par for the next seven holes, and he missed a hole in one at the 265-yard 13th by only seven inches. He was, he said, "pretty happy about his chances of taking the £20,000 first prize for the second year running."

The long, lean and lanky figure of Andrew Sherborne was not complaining, either, after a combination of a brand-new

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	220	3	10	243	4
2	210	3	11	217	4
3	270	4	12	186	3
4	273	4	13	143	3
5	273	4	14	143	3
6	389	4	15	452	4
7	344	4	16	423	4
8	188	3	17	423	4
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putter and a very old book helped him to seven points and a share of third place.

Sherborne's efficiency on the greens was not so hot at the start of the year, but by the Swiss Open last month he might as well have been using a shovel. However, having picked up a new blade putter, things improved slightly.

It was not until yesterday morning, however, that the final breakthrough occurred. Before his round he was thumbing through that well known instruction book, "Moments with Golfing Masters", by Robert H K Browning (Methuen, 1932, price 10s), and there on the last page was the pearl he had been waiting for — "One secret of putting is to keep the hands in front of the clubhead in the address."

Lane's book as he was told, and four hours later he was standing in the clubhouse celebrating and reflecting that the old boy in the book had a point. Hardly surprising, really. The "old boy" was Bobby Jones, the greatest Master of them all. What, one wonders, would he have made of the Equity and Law Challenge?

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland only): 1. B Lane, 28; 2. C Mason, 3; 3. A Sherborne and M Jones, 2; 4. J Mather, 3; 5. J Macdonald, 3; 6. J Macdonald, 3; 7. J Macdonald, 3; 8. J Macdonald, 3; 9. J Macdonald, 3; 10. J Macdonald, 3.

Farr completes a blinding round

By Patricia Davies

Taking on a Jack Nicklaus course sight unseen might not be the recommended preparation for the final of a national competition, but it was a policy that worked for Stanley Farr of Darlington in the first round of the Glenfiddich Medical seniors' championship at St Mellion yesterday. He amassed 34 points to share the lead with Mike Brown, of Farnham Park, two points clear of the rest of the field.

Farr, at 70 years of age the second oldest finalist, had no fear of the course thanks to his non-viewing policy and he explained his reasoning cheerfully: "Certain holes would be scared the life out of me if I'd known what they were like, so I deliberately didn't play on Sunday. What happens today in the second round now I know what's there is another matter."

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At least Farr will take away the memory of a birdie at the 10th hole, a difficult par four. "It's something I'll remember for the rest of my life," Farr said. "I hit two beautiful shots and my six-iron second finished five feet from the pin. I just had to sit the putt to make my day."

Brown, who only took up the game a few years ago to relieve the stress of being self-employed, started with three straight pars for a total of nine points and did his best to maintain that rate of progress to the end. He tired, however, and ended by driving out of bounds at the 17th and finding the pond twice at the last.

LEADING SCORES Glenfiddich: 34: S Farr (Darlington), M Brown (Farnham), 32: J Macdonald (Darlington), 31: J Macdonald (Darlington), 30: J Macdonald (Darlington), 29: J Macdonald (Darlington), 28: J Macdonald (Darlington), 27: J Macdonald (Darlington), 26: J Macdonald (Darlington), 25: J Macdonald (Darlington), 24: J Macdonald (Darlington), 23: J Macdonald (Darlington), 22: J Macdonald (Darlington), 21: J Macdonald (Darlington), 20: J Macdonald (Darlington), 19: J Macdonald (Darlington), 18: J Macdonald (Darlington), 17: J Macdonald (Darlington), 16: J Macdonald (Darlington), 15: J Macdonald (Darlington), 14: J Macdonald (Darlington), 13: J Macdonald (Darlington), 12: J Macdonald (Darlington), 11: J Macdonald (Darlington), 10: J Macdonald (Darlington), 9: J Macdonald (Darlington), 8: J Macdonald (Darlington), 7: J Macdonald (Darlington), 6: J Macdonald (Darlington), 5: J Macdonald (Darlington), 4: J Macdonald (Darlington), 3: J Macdonald (Darlington), 2: J Macdonald (Darlington), 1: J Macdonald (Darlington).

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Robert Wrenn, of the US, equalled the course record to take second place on 267.

Miller overtakes McGrain record

Willsie Miller is aiming for a double celebration at Highbury on Wednesday night, when he becomes the most capped defender in Scottish football history.

The Aberdeen captain, aged 33, will overtake Jimmy McGrain's landmark of 62 appearances. "It will be a special occasion," Miller, who won his first cap against Romania 13 years ago, said. "But even better would be a win over probably the toughest team in our section."

"If we can beat them, it will go a long way towards qualification for the World Cup finals in Italy. I sincerely hope we can do it. The toughest team in our section, having passed a fitness test yesterday, his competitive streak is back. He will be needed against Yugoslavia."

Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, is giving little away about the make-up of his team to face

Cox talks to Maxwell and stays on at Derby

The Derby County manager, Arthur Cox, has announced he will be staying at the Baseball Club, who has led Derby from the third to first division, was wanted by his old club, Newcastle United.

But after a meeting with the Derby chairman, Mr Robert Maxwell, Cox has decided to honour his four-year contract with the club.

Mr Brian Talbot has officially applied for the job of player-manager. Cox, who has been in charge on a temporary basis, led Albion to a 4-1 win at Birmingham on Saturday.

Leeds United are in dispute with Sheffield Wednesday over compensation for their new manager, Howard Wilkinson, who had 20 months of his

Altrincham face tough obstacle to progress

Altrincham, who in the last two decades have been non-League football's most consistent FA Cup giant-killers, face a difficult task — even to reach the first round proper this season (Paul Newman writes).

In the fourth qualifying round, for which the maximum three months' notice must be given, Altrincham will travel to Macclesfield Town in an all Cheshire tie likely to attract a crowd of 3,000 or more.

Macclesfield are second in the GM Vauxhall conference, the FA Cup's lowest division, and will be keen to emulate their Cup successes of last season, when they knocked out Carlisle United and Rotherham United.

Altrincham, however, can take heart from a recent revival, having lost only one of eight matches since John King returned as manager.

Matthews shapes up for triple gold

By Louise Taylor

The spirit of dogmatic determination, which has carried disabled competitors to Seoul for the Paralympics, was in evidence yesterday as Bob Matthews, a blind middle distance runner, fulfilled the first leg of a three-fold ambition to win the 800, 1500 and 5000 metres events into gold medals to take back home to Kent.

Matthews may be unbeaten in international competition for the past five years, but his preparations for Seoul have been interrupted by a chest infection and it was with some relief that he secured gold in a time of 16 min, 17 sec. "I have got the event I least like out of the way, now I'm confident I can win the other two," he said afterwards.

After accumulating 20 medals, six of them gold, on Sunday, the British team were not resting on their laurels yesterday. Matthews' achievement represented one of several already guaranteed prize of place in trophy cabinets from Harlow to Leeds.

The grey resolution of many participants was personified by Deanne McIntyre, aged 17, an Australian wheelchair athlete, who qualified for the 100 metres final yesterday only six days after emergency operation to remove her appendix.

A week ago she was laid out on the surgeon's slab after being rushed to hospital with severe stomach pains shortly after her arrival in Seoul.

Following such an ordeal most able-bodied athletes would have booked themselves on the next plane out.

She set about persuading doctors that the small matter of a few staples sealing her appendicectomy did not represent an insurmountable barrier to racing.

After much deliberation doctors eventually gave her the all-clear to complete just hours before Monday's race. "At first the organisers said I couldn't take part."

"I was very upset and disappointed after the training I've done. I didn't feel any ill effects from the race. I was just looking to qualify and didn't push too hard," the present 200 metres world record holder, who is scheduled to compete in four events, said.

Wembley referee at centre of fuss

The French referee in charge of England's World Cup tie against Sweden at Wembley must be hoping that he has suffered enough controversy to last him at least until after tomorrow's game, Claude Leloup, who officiated at the Olympic final, was the man at the centre of the dispute in Paris that led to Paris St Germain going three points clear at the top.

The contentious issue was the seventh minute goal that put PSG on the way to their 2-0 victory against city rivals, Maitre Racing. Daniel Kaboré, admitted using his arm to scramble in the ball but all Racing's protests fell on Bigner's deaf ears. "I didn't see anything and he didn't hit the line," said Reading hit the scene post twice within seconds 15 minutes from time but were finished off six minutes later when Perez scored from an acute angle.

The previous leaders, Amiens went down the goalkeeping direct from Bravo's free kick at fourth-place Nice. Marseille scored twice in the last 15 minutes to beat Caen 4-2. Alois, back after a six month absence through injury hit their second goal. Pavin retained his position as the league's leading scorer with his 11th goal of the season.

Bordeaux, after two heavy away defeats, were the day's highest scorers. But Clive Allen failed to contribute to the five knocked past Nantes without

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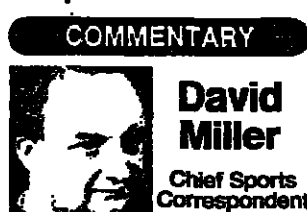
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League and Carter face day of reckoning

Some Football League chairmen are said to be hesitant, when they meet today at Villa Park for the extraordinary general meeting, about dismissing Philip Carter, the president, for his involvement with the Independent Television deal that was signed during the summer. Sack Carter, they ask themselves, and what alternatives are left?

This reasoning may reflect the shortage of available leadership within football, but it should not deflect the chairmen from their resolve. In the future, proper standards are not to be compromised.

Carter and David Dein, of Arsenal, revealed themselves to be unreasonably preoccupied during negotiations, as members of the management committee, with the advantages of their own clubs, rather



David Miller
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than the overall benefits of the League which they were elected to serve.

When the dealings with ITV, which were clearly unconstitutional, became apparent, Carter still failed to stand up for the League. There can be no feeling of trust or confidence if he and Dein remain after today's confrontation with their colleagues.

Equally clearly, if the five leading clubs — Everton, Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur,

Manchester United and Liverpool — are not to remain alienated and antagonistic, they must continue to have representation on the management committee. Bobby Charlton could, and should, be there: a figure of unwavering integrity.

In the short term, there seems little hope of finding a replacement president with sufficient status to hold the organization together with some dignity, however frayed. John Smith, of Liverpool, is unwilling to be nominated, because of other commitments. David Boleyn, of Queens Park Rangers, might have been a candidate but for his untimely death last month. Or there could be a return to Jack Dunnett (Notts County), a former president. Noel White, the former chairman of Al-

trincham, is considered to be a long-term candidate and is likely to be elected to the management committee if Carter and Dein go.

The case for their removal is indisputable, however much Carter may now seek to explain his actions in order to suggest that he was always representing the League's interest. There is the indelible conviction that the big five, in harmony with Greg Dyke of ITV, firmly believed throughout June and July that in a free market the ends justified the means: a killing could be made both ways, and if ITV were secretly aggressive, while simultaneous official negotiations were being conducted with BS2 cable television, the big five would take it, insulating themselves by the enlistment of another five, Aston

Villa, Newcastle, Nottingham Forest, Sheffield Wednesday and West Ham.

Carter may not have been at a clandestine meeting in the Park Lane Hotel, London, on June 16, but he must have known what was happening. Dein was there. It is already part of League folklore that he was observed dodging behind indoor foliage to avoid being seen by the wife of Graham Kelly, the then League Secretary.

At a meeting of the management committee in Plymouth on June 27, Carter and Dein were challenged on their involvement by the other members of the committee: Boleyn, Fox (Blackburn), Dunnett and Nondes (Crystal Palace). Carter acknowledged the truth, but instead of standing his ground and debating

the issue, if indeed it would have been in the League's interest to do so, he walked out of the meeting.

Gordon Taylor, the Secretary of the PFA, had been summoned to Plymouth because the PFA attitude on players' contractual obligations would have been critical to the success or failure of any 'breakaway' group. Taylor stayed up all night helping to draft a resolution to prevent clubs defecting in the future. Dein's mood was that he could not understand the fuss, and that he was determined to go for the ITV offer.

Taylor was phoned on July 8 by one of the big five, with the information that 10 clubs had signed for £5 million on the table and wanting to know the PFA reaction. Far from the big clubs taking a larger share,

they had effectively taken the whole share.

There can be little doubt that the initiative towards ITV came from Arsenal, Tottenham and Manchester United, with Liverpool, though indispensable, cleverly remaining on the sidelines, and with Carter, though not the driving force, being manoeuvred into line by Everton.

Conversation among League chairmen yesterday indicated that the majority of the second division and the four associate members remain determined to remove Carter and Dein. Much will depend on the outcome of the preceding meeting of the first division and whether Southampton and Derby, who took the issue to court, and Coventry, Luton and Charlton stand by their intention for change.

END COLUMN

O'Reilly marches to Latin beat

By Chris Than

Many people in Rugby Union on both sides of the Atlantic — question Argentina's wisdom in embarking on a tour of France only a few months after their last international — in Buenos Aires in the summer — was marred by a series of on and off the ball incidents, punch-ups and running battles which culminated with Bester breaking his arm and Llorca being sent off.

Afterwards the two sides accused each other of starting the fighting and while the French were leaving Argentina in a sombre mood the words "revenge in the autumn" were muttered.

It seems unlikely, though not impossible, that the trouble will flare up in Dijon today, where Argentina play the first match of their eight-game tour, though Bester's second operation, which threatened his playing career, and the violent launch of the New Zealand Maori tour — with three players sent off in Toulouse at the weekend — may indirectly have fuelled the passion of some hooligans.

However, the Argentinian coach, Rodolfo O'Reilly, is undeterred and dismisses the whole argument as irrelevant. "It was a hard match but there was nothing vicious in the exchanges," he said. "The 1985 second test was tougher than the 1988 one. We have a great relationship with France and we want to maintain it."

"France have provided Argentina with a life-line in the aftermath of the Malvinas War, when we were cut off from the rest of the playing world. We are very grateful and we are also very good friends. In fact we hope that this tour and the two tests in particular will be great spectacles of rugby and an expression of our friendship for France."

O'Reilly, the fifth generation heir of an Irish immigrant, has been the mastermind of some of

O'Reilly: glorious triumphs

Argentina's greatest rugby triumphs. He coached Jaguars to a memorable win over the Springboks in 1982 and has taken the Pumas to their glorious 1983 tour of Australia, when they recorded their only international victory away from home to date.

He was recalled to salvage the pride of Argentinian rugby in the wake of the disastrous World Cup campaign in 1987. The former CASL stand-off half has only delivered the ferociously combative Pumas battered Australia into submission last year and inflicted upon the France the worst ever defeat in their bilateral encounters.

A politician and a civil servant by profession, O'Reilly, aged 49, describes his life as a blend of half rugby and half politics. He served as a sports minister in the first Alfonsín government in 1983 and since 1987 has taken over as local government officer for the Buenos Aires administration.

Asked by the Argentine president, with whom he shares the same birthday, to name the secret ingredient that changed the mentality and the outlook of the Pumas, he described it as "the dictatorship of the smile" — a brightly polished phrase which portrays the politician.

When the International Rugby Board chairman, John Kendall-Carpenter, returned from Buenos Aires early this year he announced that the Pumas had agreed to tour England and Scotland in 1990.

The Argentine Union and its counterparts, the Rugby Football Union and the Scottish Rugby Football Union, have already been putting together a tentative tour schedule for 1990.

However, according to O'Reilly, the tour is not yet certain to go ahead. He pointed out that Argentina feels strongly about the Falklands issue and that a decision on whether to tour or not will be taken at political level. "I don't understand Mrs Thatcher," he said. "Why doesn't she want to at least sit down and discuss the Malvinas issue? That would make a tour a certainty."

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Robson expected to play Lineker in Sweden match

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson will today reveal no more than one member of his England line-up for the World Cup qualifying tie against Sweden tomorrow night. He is expected to disclose that Gary Lineker, after playing in the equivalent of only two competitive games this season, will lead the attack.

Lineker, the victim of hepatitis in the summer and of a virus last week, belatedly joined the squad yesterday and announced that he felt "better than for a long time". But, without the generous cooperation of Johann Cruyff, he might not physically have been so fresh.

The coach of Barcelona was convinced that Lineker, having completed only one full league game so far, would not have been able to endure another three fixtures in six days. So he did not use him even as a substitute during the 3-0 victory over Real Betis on Sunday.

Cruyff, aware that his foreign import would be required by England, has already told Lineker that he should prepare himself also to take part in the domestic warfare against Real Madrid this weekend. Lineker himself believes that he has benefited from his rest.

"Maybe my body was telling me that I needed a break," he said yesterday. "I haven't had one for four or five years except for a couple of weeks during the summer. All of the other niggling little injuries

have cleared up, and mentally, there is a desire to play again." He confessed that he should not have appeared in England's closing tie against the Soviet Union in the European championship. Without offering any excuses for the nation's failure in West Germany, he revealed that he might have been suffering from hepatitis as early as the middle of May.

"The doctors told me it could have been in my system

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for six weeks. I was lacking that extra edge in the games against Scotland and Colombia and I knew I wasn't right during the last half hour against Holland. But I've told Bobby Robson that I'm sharp now."

England's manager, left with no other injury problems, preferred to defer the decision until watching his principal scorer in action this morning. Yet, with Lineker's record of 26 goals in a mere 31 full internationals, Robson scarcely needed to confirm his position as "our best taker of chances."

The rest of England's formation was shrouded in an equally thick mist of tactical secrecy. Although comparatively open in talking about a "competent" defence, albeit in vague and general terms, Robson shied away from offering even a veiled hint about his attacking designs for Wembley.

Conscious that "a lot of people were watching" yesterday's training, he regularly and swiftly altered the permutations of his forwards throughout the session. The play worked. Swedish observers, eager for information, were puzzled. During the subsequent press conference, Robson said nothing that might have unravelled their confusion.

Asked whether he might consider changing the usual shape of his front line, he replied: "Good question, but I'm not telling you. There are certain things I cannot disclose." It seems likely, though, that he will ask Beardsley, as Bob Houghton has suggested, to step into a new role.

Waddle would relish the invitation to come back into a more central position alongside Lineker, with Beardsley filling "the hole" behind them. "It is more satisfying playing in the middle for Tottenham because you are more involved," Waddle said. "You don't have to worry about being stuck on the wing and waiting for the ball."

Robson appreciates that his spearhead must be honed. He again expressed concern that "we have dominated opponents such as Scotland, Colombia, Switzerland and Eire without scoring." Since piercing Turkey eight times in one evening at Wembley a year ago, England have claimed only seven goals in eight internationals.



Keeping mum: both on and off the field Robson was keeping everyone guessing yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Bruno's title challenge bound for US venue

By Srikanth Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Frank Bruno's challenge for Mike Tyson's world heavyweight title has been postponed yet again. Instead of facing the world champion at Wembley on December 17, Bruno will almost certainly meet him on January 14 in the United States in Atlantic City or Las Vegas.

After making hype-powered noises like "If I can't fight him for the world heavyweight title in London I won't fight him at all," Bruno and his manager, Terry Lawless, caught the first plane out for New York yesterday to see what kind of money was on offer from Don King, the American promoter.

"I want to find out what's happening once and for all," Bruno said. "If they want the fight that much then they will have to pay for it. I've been messed about too often. If I was worth a million pounds to

fight him in London, then I've got to be worth a lot more to fight over there — we're talking serious corn."

Bruno, who was to have received £1 million for the Wembley challenge, added "I won't accept less than three million if I have to go over there." Lawless said: "We honestly don't know what's going on — that's why we're going out to talk to the people."

The promoters of the Wembley show, Jarvis Astaire and Mickey Duff, who are already in New York, were told of the change of plans by Tyson's manager, Bill Cayton, who said that Tyson wanted to defend in the United States because of divorce proceedings by his wife, Robin Givens.

This is the fourth time in five months that the bout has been postponed. Bruno was

first elbowed out in June by the Michael Spinks challenge, then in August Tyson broke his hand in a street brawl with Mitch Green, another heavyweight. Next came Tyson's car crash in September which left him unconscious for 20 minutes and ruled out of boxing for 60 days, and finally, his marital problems.

At first American promoters were not interested in the bout as the defence was considered too easy for Tyson but after widespread publicity over his personal problems, King has clearly seen the contest as a sellable commodity in America. As with each postponement, the Wembley show moved into winter so King's hand was strengthened.

Tyson, who usually trains in the Catskills, has been a guest at King's Cleveland home and been training at Orwell, Ohio.

Television snub for Benn

By Jonathan Rendall

Lack of television coverage has sparked a dispute over Nigel Benn's first defence of the Commonwealth middleweight title against Anthony Logan, of Jamaica, at the Albert Hall on October 26.

Neither BBC nor ITV will carry the contest despite the fact that Benn, unbeaten in 18 bouts, is regarded as Britain's biggest boxing attraction behind Frank Bruno and Barry McGuigan. Benn said he would consider a move abroad if he continued to be

deprived of exposure.

The promoters, Mike Barrett and the World Sports Corporation, who have distributed large "Benn is Back" posters throughout London — the West Ham boxer has been locked in a contractual dispute with his manager, Frank Warren, since June — will now film the bout for later sale on video tape.

Barrett said yesterday: "There were television spots available but they were blotted out. I think it's very sad

because not only TV but radio have declined to come in."

He added: "Various long-term contracts have been signed up. I wonder if they are giving value for money? I doubt it — a reference to arrangements made by established promoters with the two major television companies."

"If anyone in the TV companies felt that by freezing Nigel out he would go to another promoter they were making a big mistake," Barrett said.

Frank Maloney, of the World Sports Corporation, claimed that plans for the promotion had been laid on the understanding that BBC had a vacant slot on October 26 "for the right fight", but that this slot had been withdrawn. Maloney added that negotiations were going ahead to stage Benn's next defence in either Gambia or Senegal.

Yesterday Nick Hunter, BBC deputy head of sport, said the Benn-Logan bout had been offered for sale on a fixed date only. "If you are offered a fight on a fixed date, and there are other events you are already contracted to cover, there is nothing you can do about it," he said.

Benn commented: "Because I'm not in with that clique, we're going to suffer. I could go to any one of them and say I want to fight for them and guarantee to be on TV. But I am not in the slightest bit tempted to do that. I am seriously thinking of going abroad, maybe to Miami."

SA board initiative applauded

By David Hands

Rugby Correspondent

Dudley Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union, applauded yesterday the initiative taken by the South African Rugby Board in opening talks with the South African Rugby Union (the primarily black organization) and the banned African National Congress.

"At the age of 78 and after major heart surgery, Danie Craven, the SARB president, has put himself out on a limb," Wood said. "It's a very brave move and one which should be welcomed and supported. It is premature to talk about South Africa being brought back into international rugby, but this is clearly designed to open up rugby in South Africa."

England's position regarding South Africa had not changed, Wood said. "We have always taken the view that the game should be open to everyone. I think the Irish situation, where players come together from north and south, is the best evidence of the general approach in Britain."

"But our responsibility has to be to the game in this country and restoring a playing relationship with South Africa, at the moment, could cause enormous damage here. We still do not allow teams to go to South Africa, nor players to join teams playing there, but we will not stand in the way of individuals exercising their freedom to go there."

Wood said the South African situation would be discussed at the International Rugby Football Board meeting in London in November. "We wait with interest to see what becomes of this latest political initiative."

The Rugby Football Union is negotiating with the Australian touring party about the removal of sponsors' logos on their shorts. The RFU is obliged to do so in order to avoid controversy of European Broadcasting Union regulations.

The Australian Rugby Union agreed a sponsorship deal earlier this year with Ricoh, the Japanese company, which allowed the firm's logo to appear both on the national jersey and on shorts.

Dudley Wood said yesterday: "I think it likely that they will be removed in line with both EBU regulations and International Rugby Football Board rulings, reminders regarding which are being sent to clubs affiliated to the RFU."

Liverpool board to discuss Molby's future at Anfield

By Ian Ross

Liverpool are expected to convene an emergency board meeting in the next few days to discuss the future of Jan Molby, who was jailed for three months yesterday for reckless driving.

The League champions declined to discuss whether Molby, a Danish international midfielder, would be welcome back at the club following his release from prison.

Whether Liverpool will continue to pay Molby's wages during his absence is unclear, and, as he is not injured and has not been given permission to be away from the club, he could be deemed to be in breach of his contract and dealt with accordingly.

Liverpool issued only a brief statement: "The matter will be discussed by the board of directors and by the manager, Kenny Dalglish, very soon." Peter Robinson, the chief executive, said.

That meeting will not be held until Thursday at the

earliest, as Robinson and John Smith, the club chairman, will be attending the extraordinary meeting of the Football League which begins today in Birmingham.

"Whether he is to be paid or not is a matter for Liverpool themselves," Gordon Taylor, the Professional Footballers' Association secretary, said. "Jan Molby is one of the biggest names in the country, and this is obviously a difficult situation for the club."

Efforts have been made to improve Liverpool's image since the 1985 European Cup final tragedy. Molby's imprisonment coincided with the first day of the trial of 26 of the club's supporters who have been charged with manslaughter at the Heysel Stadium.

The loss of Molby, aged 25, increases the problems facing Dalglish, whose defence of the title has been undermined by a succession of injuries to senior players.

In the absence of Hansen, the club captain, Molby had been operating as an emergency centre-back alongside Gillespie. Gillespie, however, sustained a serious knee injury during a game at Luton 11 days ago and the most experienced of Liverpool's reserve team defenders, Watson, has recently undergone surgery on a damaged ankle.

Liverpool are left with no fit central defenders and Dalglish must now enter the transfer market to secure cover, possibly before Saturday's home game against Coventry City.

Dalglish was at Blackburn on Saturday to run the rule over Colin Hendry, the Lancashire club's central defender, but he is unlikely to follow up his interest.

The most likely target is Mal Donaghy, Luton Town's Northern Ireland international, who has been told that he can leave Kenilworth Road for £250,000.

Lack of foresight costs Spurs two vital points

By Louise Taylor

A surprising lack of foresight in failing to ensure that builders' rubble was cleared from White Hart Lane in time for their opening league fixture of the season, at home to Coventry City, has cost Tottenham Hotspur two vital points.

The penalty was imposed by a Football League commission during a 70-minute hearing in Warwick yesterday which heard how the Coventry match was postponed just six hours before it was due to kick off when police declared that debris blocking safety exits made it unsafe to proceed.

Tottenham immediately announced their intention to appeal against the decision imposed by a three-man board consisting of Philip Carter,

The Football Association has taken precautions to prevent England players with Israeli stamps in their passports from being denied entry to Saudi Arabia next month. The individuals involved are to be issued with a second passport.

The League president, Ian Storr (Oldham) and Bill Fox (Blackburn).

Irving Scholar, the club chairman, said: "We have 14 days in which to appeal to the FA and we will be doing so." Carter said the commission had found the club could not provide a just case for failing to fulfil the fixture and had not made any contingency plans for the ground not being ready. "Under regulation 24 we had no alternative but to deduct two points," he said.

Cunin sets new target

Jean-Bernard Cunin, of France, raised the Class C sailing speed record to 26.43 knots at the Johnnie Walker international speed sailing championships in Portland harbour yesterday. He clipped almost one knot off his previous record for the class.

The record sets a fresh target for the Princess Royal who takes to the water today aboard James Grogono's foil-borne catamaran, Icarus, in her first attempt to make the record books.

World power

Two world and two national records were set yesterday at the powerboat record-attempts week on Lake Windermere.



Sidek: heading line-up

Sidek entry

Misban Sidek, the Malaysian No. 1, has entered the Miller Lite Puma Wimbledon badminton tournament starting on October 30. He is likely to head the event's line-up and may have another match with Steve Baddeley, England's Commonwealth champion.

Karate golds

Britain's karate team won two individual gold medals and the world team title at the world championships in Cairo. The individual gold medals came from the lightweight divisions, Abdu Shaher (under 60 kilos) and Tim Stephens (under 65 kilos).

In the swim

Terry Denison, coach to Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic gold medal winner, will fly out to the United States today in search of more swimming knowledge.

Rally death

Cairo (Reuters) — Frederic Rene Duval, a French motorcyclist, was killed yesterday when he crashed in Egypt's seventh Pharaoh's rally.

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